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British Warships Take Up "Death Watch"

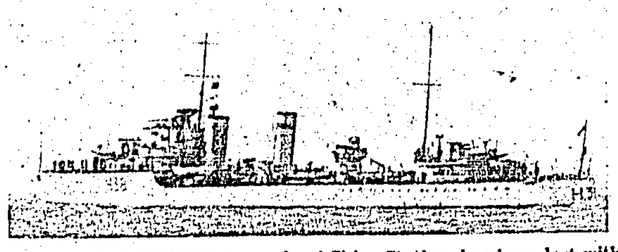
GRAF SPEE DOOMED TO DESTRUCTION?

"Heavy Reinforcements" Arrive at Montevideo

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, December 14, (UP)—H.M.S. Achilles has started a death watch on the damaged German battleship Admiral Graf Spee.

Lost in Convoy Mishap



H.M.S. DUCHESS, formerly of China Station, has been lost with all but eighteen of her crew in a collision with another ship, presumably whilst on convoy duty. The only surviving officer is Probationary Lieut. J. R. Pritchard, R.N.V.R. Photograph is of one of the ships of the Duchess class.

The British Navy is determined not to permit the Nazi raider to escape to resume her raids on Allied commerce on the high seas.

The British crew are still closed up at their battle stations with gun crews manning the eight 6-inch guns as the British cruiser steams slowly back and forth at the mouth of the River Plate just outside Uruguayan territorial waters.

Sister ships to the Achilles, H.M.S. Exeter and H.M.S. Ajax, are also believed to be nearby. The Graf Spee is anchored in the inner harbour.

It is evident that the British have foreseen the possibility of the German raider making a desperate attempt to break to the open sea.

A "United Press" survey of the exterior damage to the German ship revealed that two shells pierced the thick armour plating of the fighting tower, entering on the port side and emerging on the starboard side.

Armour Pierced

Two sections of thick armour plate were smashed in the forepart of the ship on the starboard side and five impacts, apparently from small shells, were noted on the water line on the port side. One of two airplanes on the ship's flight deck had its tail shot off and part of the fuselage is gone. The extent of damage to the interior of the ship cannot be ascertained because nobody is allowed aboard.

The Ajax and Exeter, despite reports of serious damage to the latter, proceeded to sea early this morning and are believed to be standing by outside territorial waters.

The only official German action so far has been the German Minister's request for the crew to be allowed to disembark, which he made after a second visit to the warship.

The Graf Spee was hit by at least a dozen shells.

Governments Consult

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 14 (UP).—It is officially announced that the British and Uruguayan governments are now actively discussing the question of the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee.

In the House of Lords to-day, Lord Chatfield, British Defence Minister said: "I do not doubt that the Graf Spee will soon be at sea again."

Meanwhile, reports from Montevideo state that H.M.S. Achilles is patrolling the River Plate from a point outside Montevideo to Punto Gorda, apparently as a precaution against an attempt by the Graf Spee to escape.

Diplomatic Activity

Rear Admiral Gustave Schroeder, Inspector General of the Uruguayan Navy said: "If the damage to the Graf Spee makes it necessary, she may remain for more than 48 hours in port."

Further reports from Montevideo state that the German Minister is seeking permission to disembark the German ship's crew, while Washington reports say the Argentine Ambassador has arranged to visit the United States Department of State.

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Luxembourg Goes To Work While Her Neighbours Go To Fight

Remarkable War Zone Scenes Described

By Ralph Heinzen

UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Dec. 14 (UP).—The busiest corner in Europe is the tight spot where Luxembourg lies in a wide no-man's land between the French and German armies.

On both sides and in between the lines, smoke pours from factory stacks as the Lorraine, Ruhr and Luxembourg iron and steel mills work night and day, despite the massed presence of rival armies.

Since the start of the war, not one hour of work has been lost in the small region where more than half of Europe's steel is made. Here is the chief source of munitions, guns and tanks with which the rival armies are stocking.

Wading through deep red mud under the downpours of rain day after day, I covered the entire France-Luxembourg border during an inspection of the French frontier defences.

No Luxembourg Defences

Nowhere did I see a single Luxembourg defence position or a soldier across the frontier, nor were there any indications that the citizens of the tiny Duchy will try to defend themselves and the integrity of their State if the German armies should repeat the 1914 invasion.

But everywhere I saw signs of intense activity on both sides of the frontier, where iron and steel production has been kept up to the maximum schedule.

The largest of the mills are within rifle shot of the French frontier defences outside Luxembourg and the steel town of Esch, which out-Pittsburgh's even Pittsburgh for soot.

The drizzling rain holds soot and smoke in a thick fog over the whole Alzette Valley as the Bessemer plants turn out high-grade armour-plate steel from ore, which at this point is merely scraped from the surface of a great circular open pit by steam shovels.

Ore In Abundance

Coal reaches the Alzette Valley mills from the Saar, and there is still a century's supply of ore within a few hundred yards of the blast furnaces. It is to be had for the work of scooping it up.

On the French side of the border lies the famous Briey iron basin and the Longwy steel zone where Lorraine ore and Belgian coal produce 50 per cent. of France's total steel production.

At the start of the world war in 1914, more than half the Briey iron mines lay inside the German

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R.A.F. OVER NORTH SEA

Big Battle Over Heligoland

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that throughout the last 24 hours considerable forces of the R.A.F. have been operating over the North Sea.

Their operations have included a wide search for enemy surface craft, submarines and a close reconnaissance of the estuaries and fortified islands in north-west Germany.

One formation of our aircraft engaged a strong enemy formation at Heligoland.

In the course of intense fighting, four Messerschmidt fighters and three R.A.F. aircraft were shot down.

All our other formations returned without loss.

VICTORY HAILED

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Newspapers here describe the Graf Spee fight in streamer headlines as the first big naval battle of the war and proclaim it a British victory.

It is believed here that the Graf Spee will be interned in Uruguay for the duration of the war.

It is reported in messages from Montevideo that the captain of the German ship has asked the German minister in Uruguay to negotiate with the Uruguayan Government for the battleship's immediate internment for the duration, on the grounds that it will be impossible for her to make the necessary repairs within the 24 hours that she is allowed to remain in harbour, and that even if the repairs are possible, the vessel could not go to sea again without encountering British warships.

U.S. LABOUR BACKS THE ALLIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. William Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, said to-day that the people of the United States wish to resort to all possible means, short of war, to prevent the triumph of Nazism and aggression in Finland, Poland, Austria and the Balkans.

He expressed sympathy for the Allies and said that the British Navy is now making effective economic war against Germany.

"May God help them and make it completely successful," said Mr. Green, who was addressing an anti-Nazi rally in Madison Square Garden.

Other speakers included Governor Alf Landon and former President Herbert Hoover.

81 KILLED IN RUMANIAN OIL EXPLOSION

BUCHAREST, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Heavy loss of life is reported as the result of an explosion in a chlorine factory in Transylvania.

Tanks of chlorine gas blew up during the night.

So far the bodies of 81 factory workers have been recovered.

Others were injured or gassed.

Escaped chlorine gas has badly hampered the rescue work.

FURTHER DETAILS OF FIGHT

Retreat That Became Flight

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Further details which have now become available regarding the South Atlantic naval battle show that the Exeter was patrolling the South Atlantic early yesterday when she contacted the German warship in a latitude south of Brazil.

A running fight ensued, during which the Achilles and the Ajax arrived.

The two latter vessels gradually forced the Graf Spee southward and westward.

Retreat Becomes Rout

The British cruisers used smoke-screens and made lightning thrusts with such skill and daring that the Graf Spee was eventually forced to retreat to neutral waters.

When 12 miles off Punta de Leste and in full view of the shore, the Graf Spee converted her retreat into open flight.

The battleship, with her main control searchlights damaged, evidently feared a night attack by the British cruisers and made direct for Montevideo where she anchored inside the harbour at 11.15 p.m.

It is thought here that the Graf Spee will hardly dare to leave Montevideo, and consequently she will be out of action for the duration of the war.

Brilliant Action

In view of the fact that the British cruisers had only six 8-inch guns against the 11.2-inch weapons of the German battleship, this 15-hour action is regarded here as one of the most daring and brilliant in the history of the British Navy.

Officers Dispirited

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Without food, confusion aboard and her decks a shambles of dead and wounded, the Graf Spee crept into Montevideo Harbour last night like a wounded animal worried by terriers.

Uruguayan officials stated that her officers were thoroughly dispirited when they reached port.

Members of the British Legation returning from a visit to the British cruisers, which are also anchored in Montevideo, assert that their crews are intact and that they have suffered no casualties.

Nelson's Signal Used

Press reports state that Commodore Harwood, before the action, made Nelson's famous signal, "England Expects Every Man to Do His Duty," from the cruiser Ajax.

Press representatives who made a launch trip around the Graf Spee reported the vessel's state as "shock-

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NAZI HAD WEIGHT

"Taffrail" Sums Up The Battle

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—A talk on the battle between the three British cruisers and the Admiral Graf Spee was given from Daventry to-day by Commander Taprell-Doring, better known to his many readers as "Taffrail."

The Exeter, he said, was a vessel of 8,400 tons, carrying six eight-inch guns, while the Ajax and the Achilles were sister-ships of about 7,000 tons each, and carried eight six-inch guns.

All three had a speed of about 32 knots.

The Achilles actually was one of the two cruisers in the New Zealand Squadron (the other being the Leander, the flagship), and "Taffrail" said that as she was chiefly manned, by New Zealanders, congratulations were due to New Zealand for the part she had played in the first real naval engagement of this war.

Not So One-Sided

Unlike the Rawalpindi-Deutschland battle, this was not so one-sided.

Although the Graf Spee was six knots slower than the British ships, she carried six 11-inch guns, firing shells of 716 pounds each with a range limited only by visibility and distance.

The Exeter's shells, although of the same range, were only 256 pounds each, while the man-handled six-inch shells of the Ajax and Achilles had a weight of only 100 pounds each.

A broadside from the Graf Spee, therefore, would weigh about 4,708 pounds, while a broadside from the combined British ships would only weigh 3,136 pounds.

None of the four ships was heavily armoured and a single shell from the

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BRITAIN AND THE BREMEN

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The "Yorkshire Post" points out in an editorial that there is the clearest answer both to the sneers of the enemy and the surprised protests of friends regarding the forbearance of the British submarine which refrained from torpedoing the Bremen.

If the example of Nazi commerce raiders were followed, Britain would have lost something much more important than a valuable naval prize; she would have betrayed the very cause for which we were fighting.

"We shall not defeat Nazism by descending to Nazi method of warfare," says this journal.

Nazis Thunderstruck

The Bremen is too valuable and vulnerable to be used as an armed raider or a supply ship.

In its summary, the "Yorkshire Post" ends by saying that the Germans are so taken aback by the British observation of international law that they are unable to give consistent accounts of the circumstances.

Thus "Trans-ocean" reports that the submarine disappeared without attempting to attack, while a Zeesen broadcast to France asserts: "The truth is that the British submarine did fire a torpedo, but as it was not a German torpedo, it missed the target."

German Admission

BERLIN, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—A German communique admits that a British submarine attacked a German cruiser in the North Sea but conceals the loss of the U-boat.

Death For Two Murderers

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—James Richards (29) and Peter Barnes (32) were found guilty of murder to-day on the Coventry explosives charge and were sentenced to death.

Joseph Hewitt (31) and the two women, Mary Hewitt (22) and Brigid O'Hara (40), were found not guilty, but are remaining in custody pending further charges.

It was alleged that they murdered four men and a woman who were killed in a bomb explosion in Coventry on August 25.

REDS ENTER VITAL CITY

"Scorched Earth" In Finland

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KIRKENAESS, Dec. 14 (UP).—The Russians have begun entry into Salmijaervi.

The Finns have retreated to within 1½ miles of the Norwegian border.

It is reported that Salmijaervi is entirely in flames. The retreating Finns set fire to the villages of Toellevi, Kivolatta and Kolvisjoki the flames being plainly visible from the border.

Explosions have been audible throughout the day from heavy artillery and Russian bombers. As yet, there are no reports of Finnish soldiers crossing the Norwegian border, despite the fierce Soviet drive.

The Finns are falling back on their main defence positions east of the village of Skogfoss on the Norwegian border, where they have new prepared lines.

Activity slowed down as the Arctic night blacked out the region, which was lighted only by the flames of the burning villages.

At Svanvik the villagers are calmly watching the battle in front of their doorstep.

Norwegian border troops have been strengthened.

The rapidity of the Russian advance was largely due to their light armoured cross-country cars and Whippet tanks which are able to skim over the surface of the snow, and which encircled the Finns in small pockets, threatening to cut off their flanks.

Salla Regained

From Stockholm, the "Aftonbladet's" correspondent at Torneaa

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LATEST

Cumberland Off Montevideo

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 15 (UP).—It is reliably learned that H.M.S. Cumberland, a temporary pre-war flagship of the China Station, has arrived in Uruguayan waters to reinforce the death watch on the Nazi cruiser Admiral Graf Spee.

The Cumberland is a 10,000-ton cruiser armed with eight 8-inch guns.

It is also reliably learned that a German Note to the Uruguayan Foreign Office has requested permission for the landing of an armed force from the Graf Spee to bury the thirty people killed in the naval action with the British warships.

Sources close to the German Legation express the opinion that the raider will leave the River Plate "within a week." The ship was not hit below the water-line and her machinery is undamaged (Under International Law she cannot remain in port over 24 hours without internment unless she is so far damaged

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CHINA RE-ELECTED TO COUNCIL OF LEAGUE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GENEVA, Dec. 14 (UP).—The League Council to-day unanimously voted for the expulsion of Soviet Russia from the League of Nations.

The Assembly terminated the entire session at 4 p.m. following the election of Egypt and China as non-permanent members of the Council.

In the voting for the expulsion of Russia from the League of Nations, the abstentioners were China, Finland, Greece and Yugo-Slavia.

Council members voting for expulsion included Britain, France, Belgium, South Africa, Bolivia, Iran, Venezuela, the Dominican Republic, and Egypt.

The Finnish delegate, M. Holsti, said he abstained from voting in order not to further complicate the Russo-Finnish problem and avoid possible increased military retaliation.

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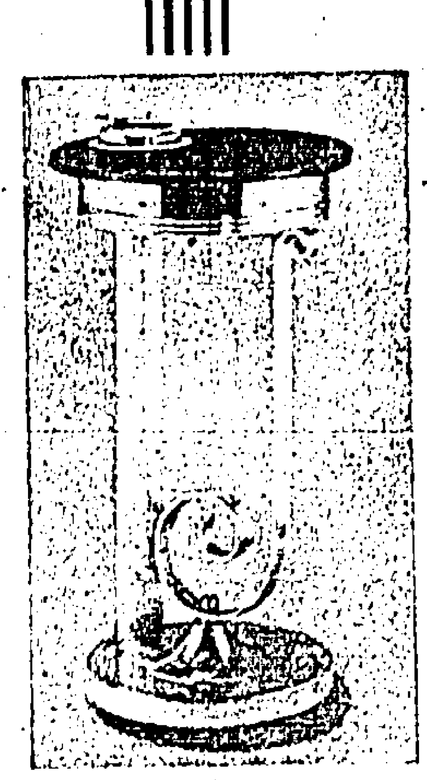

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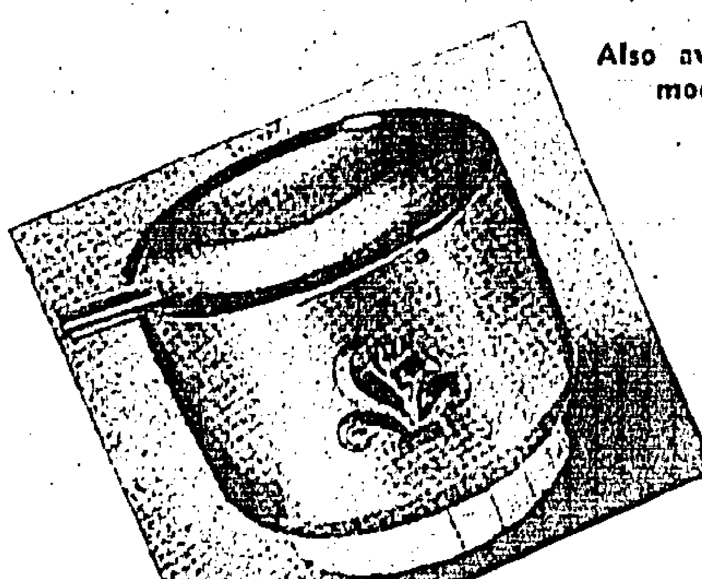

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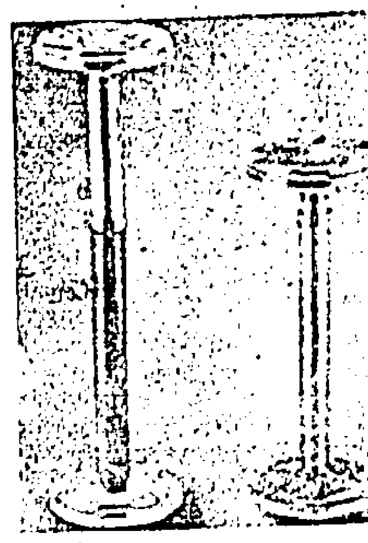

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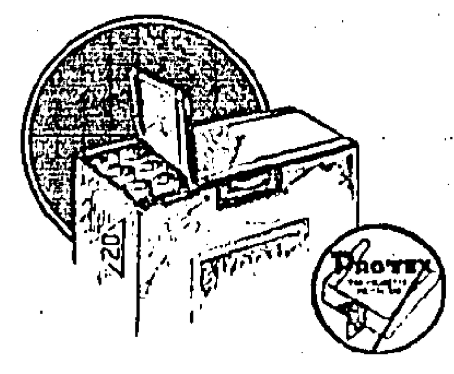

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12,30 Billy Cotton and His Band.—Everybody Kiss Your Partner, You Started Me Dreaming, The Glory of Love, Got To Dance My Way To Heaven, I Nearly Let Love Go Slipping Through My Fingers.

12.16 Piano Duets by Rawicz and Landauer.—"The Street Singer," Valse Des Fleurs (from 'Casse Noisette Suite'), Sleeping Beauty Waltz.
1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Louis Levy and His Gaumont-British Symphony.—"Firefly" Selection, The Eyes of the World Are On You, My, What A Diff'rent Night, Everybody Dance, Turning The Town Upside Down, Taking A Stroll Around The Park, "The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle" Selection.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Beethoven—Symphony No. 1 In C Major, Op. 21. B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.
2.15 Close Down.
6.00 p.m. **Tartini, Sonata for Violin and Piano ("Devil's Trill").** Yehudi Menuhin.
6.15 Bach—Suite No. 4 In D Major. Adolf Busch Chamber Players.
6.40 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.42 Songs by Beniamino Gigli (Tenor). Forbidden Music, The Stars Were Shining, Woman Is Fickle.
6.51 Albert Sandler and His Orchestra with Jessica Dragonette (Vocal).—The Lost Chord, Sanctuary of the Heart, Will You Love Me, Love's Joy, Back Eyes, Souvenir D'Ukraine, Grinzing, Remembrance, Alice Blue Gown, Through The Doorway of Dreams, You Are My Heart's Delight, Patiently Smiling.
7.30 London Relay—The News.
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 Light Orchestral.—In The Sudan, Babylonian Nights, "The Waltz Dream" Selection, A Frangesal, Parade Of The Imps.
8.23 Benno Moiseiwitsch at the Piano. Mouvements Perpetuels (Poulenc); Etude (Stravinsky) Flirtations In A Chinese Garden (Chasins).
8.30 Studio—Dr. T. Z. Koo of The World's Student Christian Federation, Geneva, in "Folk Songs of Cathay." Illustrated by Flute.
8.50 Orchestral Interlude. Suite Orientale (Popy), Marek Weber and His Orchestra, La Follctta (Marchesi), Melodious Intermezzo (Kotscher), Erich Olschewski and His Orchestra.
9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.
9.15 London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."
9.45 Walton—Facade Suite. London Philharmonic Orchestra.
10.00 Studio—"The Beauty of England"—3: The Third of a Series of Talks by The Very Rev. The Dean of Hongkong.
10.30 London Relay—"The Lying Jade." A topical programme dealing with the act of spreading rumours in wartime. Arranged by Stephan Potter.
11.00 Close Down.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The market was fairly active and prices show signs of hardening.

H.K. Bank $1,340
Bank of East Asia $73
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Chinese Estates $102
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Youmati Ferries $23½
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Electrics $52.60
Sandakan Lights $11.40
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Cements $10.40
Ropes $5½
Dairy Farms (Old) $20½
Dairy Farms (New) $19¾
Watsons $8.70
Entertainments $6½

Sellers

H.K. Bank $1,340/50
Docks $10.60
Tramways $17¼
Telephones (Old) $25¼
Watsons $9

Sales

H.K. Bank $1,340/50
Docks $19.30/.40
Providents $4½
H. & S. Hotels $4.90
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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 14, 1889.

BIRTH.—On December 13th, at "Idlewild," the wife of W. R. Loxley, of a daughter.

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Among the songs which have had a great influence and widespread popularity, is the hymn "There is a Happy Land, Far, Far Away." The author, like so many other writers of famous songs, never received a penny for his work and scant credit. He is still living at the age of 80 and his name is Andrew Young.

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According to a computation just issued by an eminent statistician, the cost in human life of the wars of the last thirty-four years has been 2,253,000 souls. The Crimean war cost 750,000 men; the Italian war (1859) 45,000; the Danish war (1864) 3,000; the American civil war—the Northern states 280,000, the Southern states 520,000; the Austro-Prussian war 45,000; the Franco-German war—France 155,000, Germany 60,000; the South African wars 30,000; the Afghan war 25,000; the Mexican and Cochin-Chinese expeditions 65,000; and the Bulgaro-Servian insurrection 25,000.

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The largest gathering of Freemasons that this colony—or the Far East—has yet known, assembled at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday night to do honour to the annual installation meeting of Lodge St. John, No. 618 S.C. There were about one hundred and thirty brethren present, and on the dais were twenty-three Past Masters. The ceremony was conducted by R. W. Bro. the Hon. C. P. Chater, District Grand Master of Hongkong and South China, who was assisted by a powerful contingent of the Grand Lodge Officers.

After the official business, the Lodge entertained the members and visitors to a sumptuous banquet, when a most enjoyable evening was spent, the clock pointing to three o'clock before "Auld Lang Syne" indicated that even the best of friends must part.

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A meeting of the Legislative Council was held at noon to-day. The first business was a motion by Mr. MacEwen, that the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the question of official salaries be laid on the table.

Mr. MacEwen said that undoubtedly a very great hardship had existed lately among European officials in the Colony owing to the great depreciation in the value of the dollar, and the high cost of living caused thereby. It was conditional in the Service that certain salaries were attached to certain posts—that was to say if a Governor came here he expected to govern a first-class Colony, at a salary of £5,000, and so on down to a policeman, who expected to receive a salary of £100, or its equivalent.

Anything in the shape of an application to the Imperial authorities for increase of salaries was like a red rag to a bull, but here salaries were not stated in sterling, but in dollars, and the home authorities calculated the equivalent of the dollar at 4s. 2d., so that when an officer went to the Colonial Office to obtain or accept an appointment in this Colony he was told that the pay was so many thousand dollars per annum, always calculating the rate of exchange at 4s. 2d.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 14, 1914.

A message from Rome states that the Foreign Minister, speaking in the Chamber, said that Italy had insisted on exemplary reparation for the Hodeidah incident, but the Ottoman Government had replied that communication between Constantinople and Hodeidah was interrupted. (Loud murmurs). He had telegraphed again demanding immediate reparation (Loud cheers). A number of Deputies, amid cheers, strongly insisted that Italy's honour and dignity should be upheld.

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The Japanese Minister of Marine has telegraphed to Mr. Winston Churchill heartfelt congratulations on the splendid British victory near the Falkland Islands. Mr. Churchill replied that the success was largely owing to the powerful and untiring assistance of the Japanese Fleet. The expulsion of the Germans from the East was complete. Their return would be extremely difficult and hazardous. Commerce was now free from Mozambique to South America.

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The readers of "Les Annales" took a vote on a new name for Eau de Cologne and decided on Eau de Louvain.

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 14, 1929.

All serious danger to Canton has been removed by the crushing defeat of the Ironsides. Latest information shows the rebel forces to be in full retreat with the Cantonese troops following them up.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 14, 1934.

It is one of the most regrettable tendencies of the times that there should be a constant harping on the theme of a possible war in the near future. Both in the West and in the East is this trend to be discerned in print and in speech. Happily, there are also individuals and organisations working strenuously in the cause of peace, but their efforts are from time to time overshadowed by war propagandists, some of whom are to be found in high places, whose utterances naturally attract much attention.

COURT MOURNING

The King having commanded Court mourning for two weeks for Princess Louise, the Governor was unable to be present at the performance of "No! No! Nanette" by the Philharmonic Society last night.

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Deaf Mutes Making 3.7 A. A. Shells

ON THE HOME FRONT.

SIX deaf and dumb men are working a special department in a munitions factory in England making 3.7 anti-aircraft shells at the rate of a million a year.

A short time ago they were working as cobblers, carpenters, and glass-blowers.

They were sent to the factory from a deaf and dumb school because they can stand the noise—like the beating of heavy sea breakers and steam hooters—better than the ordinary worker.

Their job is in the shot-blasting department, where fine steel shot is blown into the shell cases by compressed air and whirled round at a pressure of 80lbs. to the square inch.

These deaf and dumb men take it in turns to work, dressed in a kind of diver's uniform and helmet, in a large steel tank.

I peered through a small mica window and saw them working, says a Homeside reporter. As they received the shells into the tank from a man outside they talked by deaf and dumb signs.

"Men were falling ill with the noise, so we solved the problem by giving these men the job," an official said.

Shot blasting process in shell making is something new. It is done to make a smooth surface inside the shell, before it is filled with high explosive, and the men are paid £3 10s. a week.

NAZIS GOT HER IN THE END

Bride Fled—To Be Drowned

WHEN Hitler marched into Austria Herr Warenreich, a Viennese lawyer, and his fiancee fled.

They were Jews.

Their wedding arrangements had to be abandoned.

Herr Warenreich sought refuge in Switzerland.

His fiancee came to England and found employment at Blackburn as a maid.

Herr Warenreich stayed at Zurich for five months before coming to Blackburn for the wedding on January 26.

Two days later he and his bride parted—never to see each other again.

The man left for America, where he hoped to find employment.

Frau Warenreich left to join her husband by the Athenia, two days before the outbreak of war.

After the vessel had been torpedoed she was posted missing.

For a time her husband clung to a slender hope that she had been picked up by a Canadian ship.

Now that hope has been abandoned by the announcement of the full casualty list.

Ex-Kaiser Gets His Ration Card

AMSTERDAM. — The ex-Kaiser, who is showing a keen interest in the course of the war, has now received his ration card for sugar.

A powerful wireless set has been installed at Doorn, and the ex-Kaiser listens-in regularly to the news bulletins from Dutch, British and German stations. If he is unable to hear a bulletin for himself, some member of the family must note the main items.

The ex-Kaiser reads all the war bulletins and indicates by small flags on a big wall map the positions of the different armies.

In the garden of the castle a shelter big enough for all members of the household has been constructed.

Twenty-two of the ex-Kaiser's grandsons are serving in the German Army.

H. R. Knickerbocker Sends Vivid War Despatch

ONE POILU ROUTS FORTY GERMANS

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY.

YOUNG French soldiers on the Western Front stood around the bodies of two German infantry-men to-day and gazed at them, said a "Daily Express" Special Correspondent. I watched the Frenchmen. "Poor fellow," one said. They all nodded.

Suddenly one man exclaimed: "Hitler did that." All agreed: "That's true."

Our visit—the first by foreign war correspondents to the Western Front—took us into the Maginot Line; it took us into the front line within four hundred yards of the German troops; it gave us "ringside seats" in an artillery duel, and made us witnesses of an argument of shells screaming over our heads.

It brought us into Germany, where the French have penetrated as far as the outskirts of the Siegfried Line.

The two Germans were motor-cycle scouts, killed this morning as they were making a reconnaissance in the Warndt Forest.

Both were about twenty. Both were clad in the field grey of the old German Army, like their fathers twenty years ago. Their belts and buckles bore the slogan: "Gott mit uns" ("God is with us").

Feeble Reply

We also stood to-day beside a tiny group of French graves in a cemetery beside the Maginot Line. And we thought that no peace offensive can succeed now because the war has gained too much momentum.

The first sight of the Maginot Line convinced both layman and expert that it could never be broken by any military power.

We watched a French artillery offensive from an advance post where we could see shells landing on a crest called Klareichen, from which the Germans were shooting at the village of Bisten—just captured by the French.

The first salvo startled a farm dog into panic-stricken flight across the fields.

Soon all along our sector the French guns were roaring. The Germans replied, but feebly. Two of their shells burst in the road just after we left. Then we came to the German frontier post at Gemeinde Lauterbach. It was strange to go past a German Custom house without showing a passport and without a German visa.

It stood empty and wrecked from inside by a German mine which had been intended to kill Frenchmen when they opened the door.

With some French officers we walked along a road marked "Verbotener Weg" (forbidden road) and picked up fragments of German copy books with expense accounts for the troops written in Gothic script.

At this section of the front in the Warndt Forest the French penetrated deepest. This was illustrated when our car stopped and French soldiers told us of a feat of arms performed the previous day by one of their comrades:—

"One of our boys, Private Thomeret, was carrying a container of coffee. He had a sub-machine gun over his shoulder, but never dreamed of meeting any Germans because he was at the edge of his own camp.

'Great Activity'

"Suddenly he saw twenty yards away a file of about forty men. He was about to hail them when he saw they were Germans. At the same moment the Germans saw him.

"While he was reaching for his gun they knocked down our boy and wounded him in four places. Never mind. Thomeret fell on his stomach and got his machine gun working.

"He killed three Germans and the other thirty-seven ran. That is what has happened. One Frenchman against forty Germans."

Doctor Buried Doll As Child

THE story of a Leicester doctor burying a still-born child and a doll in place of another child, whose body he preserved in formalin, was told at a Leicester inquest recently.

The inquest was the sequel to the finding of the remains of three women and three children in a zinc bath at a bungalow at Syston, five miles from Leicester.

Took Body Away

In the bath was the body of a child, Trevor Albert Deverick, on whom the inquest was held.

Albert Sidney Deverick, the father, a milk roundsman, of Melrose-street, Leicester, said the child was born on March 10, 1938, and died 14 days later.

Later the doctor came and took the body, along with the order for burial.

No post-mortem examination had been made before the child was taken away.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury, Home Office pathologist, said the remains had all been preserved in formalin. Death appeared to be natural and due to congenital disease of the heart.

Sentiment

Dr. Theo Zebulun Lovell, of Catherine-street Extension, said he had a coffin sent to the house, and while the undertaker was waiting, he put into it a still-born child and a doll—"for sentimental reasons."

SHANGHAI RUMOURS

Shanghai, Dec. 14.

Prominent banking circles to-day ridiculed reports circulated by the *Central China Daily News* that Shanghai bankers had decided to issue goldnotes for the purchase of foreign exchange. They pointed out that in view of the Chinese currency policy such a measure would serve no useful purpose. They added that Chinese dollars can be readily converted into foreign exchange and that the reports were entirely unfounded, probably being a new version of the rumour circulated by the Japanese last summer that all Chinese banknotes would be recalled and substituted by two different types of notes for domestic and foreign exchange.—*United Press.*

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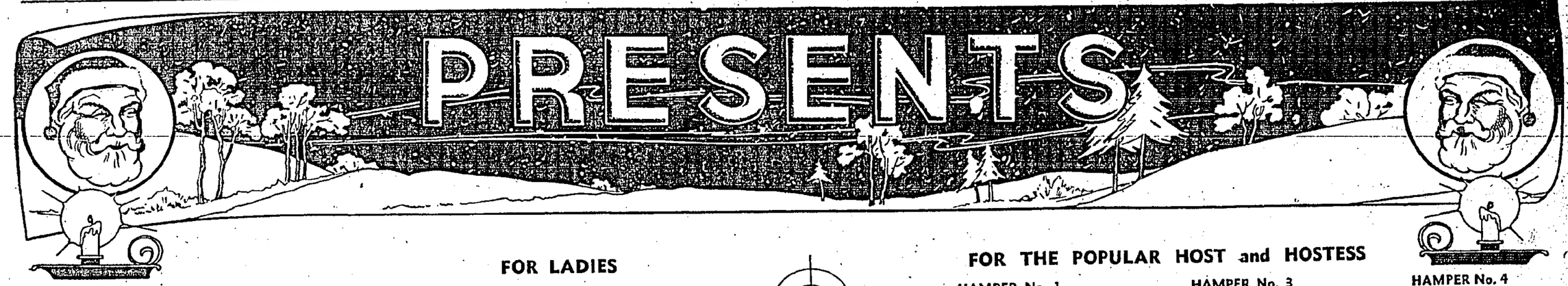

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RETREAT THAT BECAME FLIGHT

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ing"—eloquent evidence of the excellence of British gunnery.

She bore shell marks all along the water-line.

Damage Described

A huge hole gaped in the control tower, which was completely perforated, and there was another hole in the bows.

Her aeroplane lost its wings and tail, and its engine had fallen to the deck.

Seen from the side, the superstructure looked like a mass of twisted iron, which included even the heavy guns.

The battle is believed to be directly due to the recent sinking of the German supply ship, Ussukuma, and the failure of another supply vessel, the Tacoma, to leave Montevideo owing to the presence of the British cruiser Achilles.

The captain of the Graf Spee thereupon decided to seize supplies from the French steamer, Formose, despite the known presence of the cruiser Exeter in the vicinity.

Smart Manoeuvring

She was about to seize the Formose when the Ajax loomed up and opened fire, at the same time calling up the Exeter and the Achilles.

The Ajax manoeuvred to avoid the Graf Spee fire, and action ceased during the greater part of the morning.

The Achilles and the Exeter then joined the Ajax, which was lying between the Graf Spee and the Plate Estuary.

The Exeter closed in while the Ajax and the Achilles stood off.

Their combined fire drove the Graf Spee towards the coast.

REDS ENTER VITAL CITY

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reports the Finns recaptured Salla this morning after two days of the bloodiest fighting of the war, so far. It is alleged that thousands of Russians were killed.

Soviet Regiments Destroyed

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—A communique states that at Tolvajaervi Finnish counter-attacks have been crowned with success, and after a three-day battle it is confirmed that two Soviet regiments were destroyed.

The district of Tolvajaervi is again entirely in the hands of Finnish troops who are pursuing the Russians.

In the course of local fighting in the Karelian Isthmus, eleven Soviet tanks were destroyed.

Russians Use Gas

On the eastern frontier, Soviet troops continue their attacks at Koeronoya Station between Titkarenta and Kiteine.

The Russians used gas at Suomussalmi.

Units of the Soviet Fleet bombarded Koivisto. The Finnish coastal batteries replied, whereupon the Soviet vessels withdrew.

Viceroy Of India In Calcutta

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Viceroy of India has arrived in Calcutta, where he will spend Christmas.

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SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 18th day of December, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at To Kwa Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the optional of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	B.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet.	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4210.	Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot. No. 3000, Kowloon City Road, To Kwa Wan.	as per sale plan.				About 5,000	$92	$3,750

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2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2746.	South West of New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1360 near Daimond Hill.	As per sale plan.				About 26,100	$180	$2,610

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 18th day of December, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Island Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 21 years.

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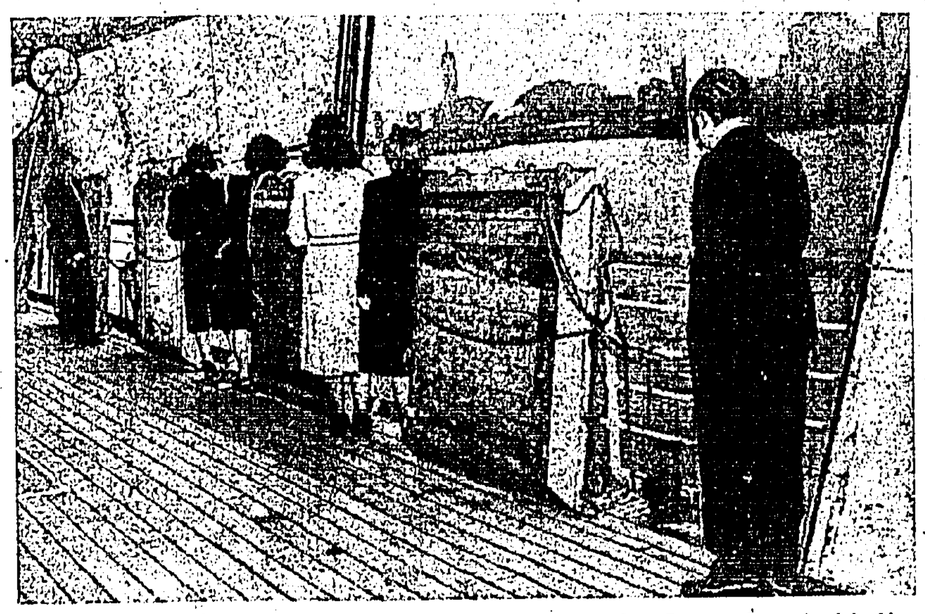
3	Garden Lot No. 103.	Adjoining Rural Building Lot No. 395, Island Road.	as per sale plan.				About 21,600	$64	$1,375

Eluded Nine U-Boats



Rafts propped against the deck rails of the British liner Arandora Star as she arrived in New York Harbour. During the Atlantic crossing the liner, steering a zig-zag course, eluded nine U-boats.

REMARKABLE WAR ZONE SCENES DESCRIBED

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frontiers, which then included Alsace-Lorainne.

In the first days of the war, the German armies swept into the rest of the Briey basin and for four and a half years France was deprived of its chief sources of iron and its chief steel mills. When the German armies coming through Belgium invaded the Lens coal region ,France lost most of its coal. Thus the Germans held for the duration of the war 70 per cent of the French steel-making potential.

This Time It's Different

This time it is a different situation. The Briey mines lie in a great circle well behind the Maginot Line, with fortresses forming what is believed to be an impregnable line between the basin and the Belgium, Luxembourg and the German frontiers.

Even if Germany tried again her 1914 "end run" through Belgium and Luxembourg, she would still have to break through the Maginot Line to grab the Briey mines. The Longwy steel basin can be attacked heavily from the air, but so can the German steel and iron centres in the Saar and Ruhr Valleys.

There is no tacit understanding, but each side realizes the other can do equal destruction, and neither seems to want to take the initiative. Without drawing any conclusions, I might state the geographical fact that it is only 200 feet from the French frontier-into-the-Esch—steel—mills, while it is more than 100 miles, by the shortest route the Germans could take, to that corner of Luxembourg.

Galleries Of Iron-Mines

Near Longwy, where the French, Luxembourg and Belgian frontiers come to a common focal point in fog and mud, the area is honeycombed with galleries of iron mines. There is one mine in particular which has entrances and workings in all three countries, and the galleries meet underground. This presents a constant danger for the passage of spies and other undesirables, so the French have provided their galleries with steel doors, and incoming workers from Belgium and Luxembourg filter past control officers.

France's defences along the whole Luxembourg frontier from the Moselle to the Chiers River are comparatively simple. The frontier consists chiefly of a deep wooded valley which is nature's most perfect anti-tank obstacle. The French slopes of the valley are a labyrinth of trenches, machine-guns and anti-tank guns. Every turn of the road approaching the French border is swept with enfilading fire. Brigades and roads are all mined to widen the obstacle within a few seconds.

Three or four lines of resistance lie between the frontier and the main Maginot Line obstacles which are at this point among the most powerful in the whole French chain.

Behind the Maginot Line lies another famous defence triangle—the Metz-Verdun-Montmody area. Therefore, as long as steel and concrete in the last permanent French fortresses holds strong, the regiments will stand at their guns.

Club Teams For The Week-end

Following are the Hongkong C.C. cricket teams for to-morrow:

1st XI v. Kowloon (away).—T. A. Pearce (Capt.), D. de S. Carey, G. P. Charlton, A. T. Dow, A. H. Finnie, J. H. Fox, R. D. Gillespie, M. F. L. Haymes, L. D. Kilbee, J. L. C. Pearce, L. T. Ride.

2nd XI v. University (home).—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, H. J. D. Lowe, A. K. Mackenzie, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Paterson, J. E. Potter, D. S. Robb, W. Stoker, T. M. Suiter.

Craigengower Eleven

The following will represent Craigengower at cricket against the Middlesex to-morrow, at 2 p.m.—A. R. H. Esmail (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, A. D. Hamson, A. J. Hulse, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, T. Lock, A. M. Omar, W. Hong Ling, Scorer, H. W. Randall; Umpire, C. Ladd.

MAN 'GREW' EYES THROUGH FAITH

THE remarkable claim that a man, after his eyes had been surgically removed, "grew" two new eyes "because of his faith," was made before the Manchester Tribunal for Conscientious Objectors recently.

Pastor J. Nelson Parr, of Bethsham Tabernacle, Longsight, who made this claim, enlarged upon his story to a *News Chronicle* reporter in London.

Interviewed at his home in Brondstone Road, Heaton Chapel, near Stockport, Pastor Parr said:

"I did not have personal contact with the actual occurrence, but a close friend who was one of those who prayed for the restoration of the man's sight has told me all about it. This man's name is Lunn and he lives in Nelson Street, Whittington, Chesterfield.

"It happened about 12 years ago. The man concerned, who is named George Eveson, was at the time a member of the Pentecostal Church at Chesterfield and, owing to a disease, had to have his eyes surgically removed.

"When he left hospital he said he did not see why God, as he had given him one pair of eyes, should not give him another pair, and he asked several of his friends to pray for him.

"He, of course, prayed himself, and he has described his experience in a booklet he has written.

Peculiar Shade Of Blue

"He says that he began to feel a warm sensation behind his empty eye sockets, and that this continued until eventually he had a perfect pair of eyes.

"The specialist who removed his diseased eyes examined the new ones and pronounced them perfect. The only unusual thing about them was that they were a peculiar shade of blue.

"I understand that Eveson still has perfect eyesight, although he is now getting on in years."

"Fantastic" Views

At the Tribunal Pastor Parr had been supporting Albert Arnold Parr (21), a warehouseman, of Bank House, Thornton Street, Openshaw, Manchester, a distant relative to the pastor.

Albert Arnold Parr told the Tribunal that he believed that if a man had an arm or leg shot off and believed in God, another limb would grow. He agreed with Judge Burgis when the judge said: "And if his head was shot off you believe a new head would develop on the body?"

The judge said the Tribunal had concluded that Parr did not honestly believe the fantastic view he had expressed with regard to remedial services, and ordered him to be registered as a conscientious objector on condition that he learned first aid and later joined a recognised civil first aid unit.

Yugo-Slav Ship In Distress

Runs Aground Near Borneo

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Dec. 15 (UP).—Radio Communications of America have intercepted an SOS signal from the steamship Vidovdan which ran aground at Pulo Laut near Borneo at 9.40 p.m. yesterday.

The Vidovdan is a vessel of 5,581 tons registered at the port of Dubrovnik in Yugo-Slavia. She was enroute to Sourabaya from Japan.

FRANCO-BRITISH ECONOMIC PACT

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, said that he saw nothing in the Franco-British economic agreement that was detrimental to United States interests.

He was of the opinion that the provisions of the agreement did not "vitiate" a tripartite monetary agreement.

ARK ROYAL STILL ACTIVE

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The South African Press reveals that the aircraft carrier Ark Royal and the battle-cruiser Renown recently visited Cape Town, thus giving the lie to the Zeesen announcements that the Ark Royal has been sunk.

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GRAF SPEE DOOMED TO DESTRUCTION?

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presumably in connection with the Graf Spee.

What Awaits The Battleship

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique issued at 6.40 p.m. states:

"No reports have been received of the killed and wounded in the British ships which participated in the sharp action yesterday off Montevideo.

"These will be published when they are received.

"Despite the damage which caused the Exeter to drop out of the engagement, the two small cruisers, armed only with 6-in guns, cruisers pursued the German pocket battleship into the Plate River and now await her in the estuary, where they have been strongly reinforced.

"It must be understood that very large forces have been employed for many weeks searching the vast spaces of the South Atlantic both by sea and air, and that much time and many disappointments were inevitable before the raider could be found.

Comparison With Emden

"It is remarkable how little hindrance the Graf Spee has been able to inflict upon the movements of hundreds of ships during the two months that she has been at large.

"Compared with the mischief wrought by the Emden, her depredations have been small.

"As soon as further details of the encounter are received, the Admiralty will publish another statement, dealing with the conduct of the officers and men who, under the command of Commodore Harwood, encountered and chased from the sea a vessel so much their superior in weight of metal."

Neutrality Violated?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (UP).—One high official source told the "United Press" that the Graf Spee battle was "apparently of much concern to all Americans." The United States viewpoint may be announced later.

It is understood that this concern arises because the battle occurred within the so-called Panama Neutrality Zone.

Informed circles take a grave view and indicate that consideration may be given to making formal protests for violation of the safety zone. However, it is indicated that the initiative for the protest will be left to the South American countries.

The White House is silent on the matter, apparently awaiting official reports. The Argentine Ambassador, Sir, Espil, conferred with Mr. Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State; however, he said that in the absence of specific reports of the battle, he was unable to comment. Several other Latin-American officials privately said they believed that the American nations might make a joint protest to Germany and Britain.

Licking Her Wounds

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The badly damaged Nazi pocket battleship, Admiral Graf Spee, is now licking her wounds, which are plainly visible from the shore at Montevideo, while outside, British warships are sailing up and down on patrol.

The damage to the Graf Spee has put the Germans in somewhat of a predicament.

The German Minister at Montevideo says that she was forced into harbour by lack of fuel.

At the same time, the official German news agency is alleging that the British warships used mustard gas, which spoiled part of the ship's food and that that was why she put in to Montevideo.

Two-Day Stay Permitted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Graf Spee is granted a 48-hours' stay in Montevideo, according to information received by Mr. Cordell Hull.

Soviet-Nazi Trade Talks Drag On

BERLIN, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Nazi trade negotiations with Russia are dragging on.

The Soviet economic mission which has been in Germany for the past seven weeks left for Moscow on Wednesday night.

The negotiations are by no means complete, but the official German news agency says that they will be resumed in Moscow in a few days' time.

Parliament Adjourns

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Parliament has adjourned for the Christmas recess until January 16.

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NAZI HAD WEIGHT

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Nazi warship might well have sunk one of the British ships.

But in the traditional style of the Royal Navy, our ships did not hesitate. They attacked the German vessel and forced her to take refuge in a battered condition.

What Will Be Her End?

It was impossible to say what the final end of the Admiral Graf Spee would be.

International law permitted her to remain in a neutral port long enough to make necessary repairs to become seaworthy and take on enough fuel to reach the nearest port of her country, but nothing else.

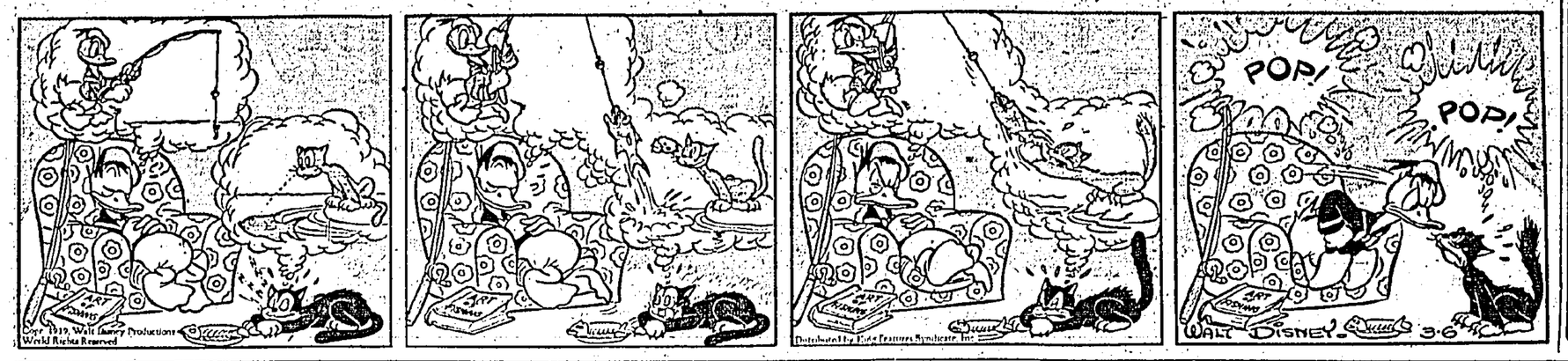
If the German warship was interned, she would be out of action for the duration of the war.

If she attempted to leave, she would be shelled by the British cruisers which, now that they had found her, would never leave her.

The next few days should see some interesting developments.

It was interesting to note, concluded "Taffrail," that the man after whom she was named, Admiral Graf Spee, was defeated at Falkland Islands on December 8, 1914—25 years ago.

DONALD DUCK By Walt Disney



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GERMAN WARSHIP RUNS TO SHELTER

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ham respectively, the Achilles is from New Zealand.

The question as to whether the Admiral Graf Spee will be allowed to stay in the neutral port depends upon her seaworthiness.

If she is found to be seaworthy she must leave within 24 hours, if not, she may stay, but must not replenish her armament or increase her supply of war materials.

The German radio admits that the pocket battleship was damaged, but talks of hits and damage to the "heavy British cruiser" Exeter.

The official German News Agency says that a successful battle was fought, but says that an exact picture cannot be given as only British reports are at present available.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

New York Account

New York, Dec. 14.

The *New York Times* states that British cruisers established contact with the German pocket battleship six times during the morning.

The German ship attacked the Ajax while the latter was convoying the French liner Formose near the mouth of the River Plate. The Exeter and Achilles responded to a call from the Ajax. They came at full speed and opened fire on the German vessel, which was repeatedly hit, especially by shells from the Exeter.

The four ships fought an intense gun battle from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The German ship directed her main efforts on the Exeter as all four ships ran southward.

After passing Punta de Leste the British ships turned westward to get the advantage of the sun which placed the German ship in silhouette. This caused the German to change course disastrously to the south-east. The British ships continued firing until well after dusk.

Under cover of darkness the battleship again changed course and finally reached Montevideo.—*Reuter.*

Ran Out Of Fuel

London, Dec. 14.

According to reports from Montevideo the Commander of the Graf Spee has announced that the warship put into port only because of a lack of fuel.—*Reuter.*

Why Exeter Dropped Out

London, Dec. 14.

According to reports from Montevideo the Exeter sustained seven hits. Two holes were blown in her control tower, while five hits were registered on her hull above the water line.—*Reuter.*

Exeter With A List

Montevideo, Dec. 14.

It is reported here that H.M.S. Exeter, which dropped out of the battle, has a slight list.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN VERSION

Admiral Graf Spee Said To Have Attacked Exeter!

Berlin, Dec. 14.

An authorised source confirmed that the Admiral Graf Spee engaged the cruisers Exeter, Ajax and Achilles off Montevideo and all are at present lying in the harbour of Montevideo.

LOVEM AND LEAVEM

"—ere, look! 'Elephant Boy.'"

This source said that according to German information the Admiral Graf Spee had 30 dead and 60 wounded.

The vessel had aboard six Captains of British ships, which presumably the Admiral Graf Spee had sunk.

According to present information, the Admiral Graf Spee attacked the Exeter, which called the Ajax and Achilles into the fight. It is confirmed that the Exeter was badly damaged.

All four ships are at present lying in the harbour of Montevideo, from which they must depart within 24 hours.—*United Press.*

German Claims Grow

Berlin, Dec. 14.

The German News Agency states that it is unconfirmedly alleged that the Achilles was sunk.

It further says that the British suffered several hundred dead and wounded.—*United Press.*

British Denial Issued

London, Dec. 14.

The Admiralty states that the allegation made by the German Embassy at Montevideo that the casualties on the pocket battleship were mostly caused by British mustard gas is entirely without foundation.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH COMMANDER

London, Dec. 14.

The British squadron was under the command of Commodore H. H. Harward.—*British Wireless.*

"SHIP" SUNK ON DRY LAND

NAZIS' WILDEST CLAIM

By A Naval Correspondent

AN enemy broadcast has claimed that H.M.S. Kestrel has been sunk. This is the biggest joke of the war, since the Kestrel is actually the official name of the Fleet Air Arm training establishment at Worthy Down, Hampshire.

This should encourage the Germans to carry on with the verbal destruction of a few more ships of a similar character, such as the Boscawen, which is the shore base at Portland; the Buzzard, otherwise the R.N. Air Station at Lympne; the Daedalus, R.N. Air Station at Lee-on-Solent; or the Merlin, R.N. Air Station at Donibristle.

An especially tempting choice would be H.M.S. Impregnable, whose name could hardly fail to attract the imagination of the German broadcasters. This happens to be a boys' training establishment on dry land at St. Budeaux, near Devonport.

Britain Orders 1,000 Planes—For A Start

AIR ARMADA FROM CANADA IN JANUARY

OTTAWA.

FIRST deliveries of Hampden bombers, built in Canada and flown over the Atlantic to England, are expected in three months.

Other batches will follow at regular intervals.

Britain has already placed in Canada war contracts that mean a thousand planes of various types—bombers, fighters and trainers.

The trainers will stay in Canada and be used as part of the scheme for training Empire airmen.

Canada is putting everything into the war against Hitlerism. And Canada now is vastly more powerful than in 1914.

The number of airfields is being increased to 100. All airports of the trans-Canadian air lines are to be commandeered.

Every year 25,000 men from Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Canada will be trained and sent over to the front as pilots, gunners and observers.

A British air mission, headed by Lord Riverdale, has been conferring with the Canadian Government on the training scheme, and also the production of bombers which will be flown across the Atlantic.

Lord Riverdale has said that he estimates the training programme will cost £140,000,000 a year.

The first Canadian army division of 16,000 men is training for overseas service. Another 40,000 are under arms.

The number of volunteers is greater than the country's training capacity at the moment.

A national committee is working under the leadership of Dominion officials to co-ordinate agricultural effort and make huge quantities of foodstuffs—butter, cheese and eggs and wheat—available to the Allies.

In several provinces plans to extend agricultural production are being undertaken.

Canada's war expenditure was estimated at the outbreak of war at £200,000 a day. Now it is said to have reached £500,000.

A War Supply Board has been set up, headed by Mr. Wallace Campbell, general manager of Ford Motors in Canada.

This Board will do all the buying for the Canadian forces, and will also act as purchasing agent for the British Ministry of Supply.

But Canada is paying no fancy salaries to directors of these various war organisations.

Mr. Wallace Campbell is taking exactly four shillings a year for his services. Other business executives are getting the same.

Higher pay goes to the soldiers. Privates get 5s. 4d. a day now, compared with 4s. a day in the last war.

A British Purchasing Commission, under Sir James Rae and Colonel J. H. Greenly, are now completing a survey of Canadian plants.

Reports are current that they will place contracts for £20,000,000 worth of equipment and supplies within the next month.

Little difficulty is foreseen in the mass production of tanks, armoured cars, Army transport, and Bren guns, and deliveries are expected monthly. The work is under way, guided by experts from the Schneider and Creusot works.

Twenty-five pounder shell casings are already being produced. Explosives plants are going up.

All research facilities—both of private enterprise and the universities—have been mobilised under the National Research Council.

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Lumberjacks are swarming into the forests to send timber over to Britain.

Every unit in manufacture and production is being mobilised under the War Industries Board.

And if any would-be profiteer tries to hold up supplies, there is a War Prices Board with power to seize the food, fuel, or other necessities and sell them to help the war.

HIS SWISS EXILE

THE Swiss Government has given permission to ex-President Moscicki of Poland and his wife to enter Switzerland.

M. and Mme. Moscicki are at present in Rumania, and are expected to live in the university town of Fribourg.

The ex-President has been a Swiss citizen since 1908, when he acquired citizenship in the Canton of Fribourg.

THESE POLES WANT TO FISH FOR US

FIFTY-FIVE Polish seamen, denied the chance of fighting for their country, want to catch fish for Britain.

They are the crews of six trawlers which were fishing off Gdynia when Germany marched on Poland.

Ordered by radio to race to British ports, five reached Fleetwood and one went to Aberdeen.

"All the men were eager to go home to fight," said Mr. B. A. Parkes, general manager of the Boston Deep Sea Fishing Company, which has an interest in the vessels.

"But that was out of the question. "Negotiations are in progress with the Polish authorities in London to enable the men to produce fish for this country.

"The British authorities have done everything possible to facilitate the departure of the vessels to the fishing grounds.

"It is hoped that the trawlers will get away soon."

Mr. Parkes said the vessels would put to sea with British officers.

The former captains, mates and chief engineers were Dutch, and had landed in Holland on the way to Britain.

Among the crews is a 27-year-old Polish Jew, educated in Vienna, where he gained the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy.

He speaks German, French, Italian, Spanish and Dutch.

He was finishing his studies when he was turned out of Vienna, so returned to Poland and went to sea.

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Danes Warned By Leaflets

Umbrella With Dagger

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Germany started a big propaganda leaflet campaign in Denmark this morning.

Coincident with the announcement of new taxes, citizens all over the country received a sealed envelope containing versions of Hitler's and Goering's recent speeches and a leaflet.

This leaflet shows on one side a picture of a folded umbrella, and on the other the same umbrella without its cover and revealing a dagger.

The leaflet, printed in Danish, stated: "If your cars remain in garages, if you have no petrol, if you are cold and have no coat, if you queue up for rations, you have only Britain to thank."

"This umbrella is supposed to be used against rain, but it is really a weapon of war.

"We think it is better to do without it. It is better to get water down one's neck than a dagger in one's back. But we know how to deal with both foul weather and daggers.

"The bombs on Denmark, pilots flights over Holland and Belgium, and the despotic British blockade which puts the thumbscrews on the trade of neutrals, have shown the true use of the umbrella."

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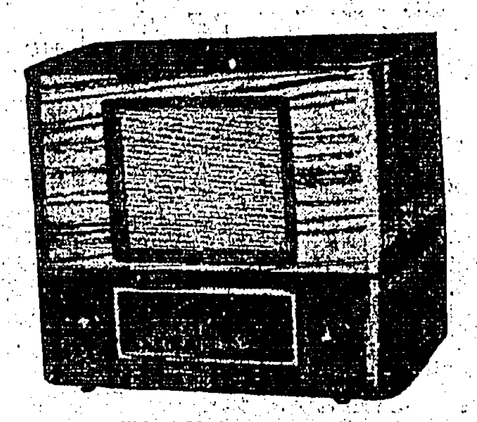

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". . . And Threepence Coloured"

THE British manufacturers of Christmas toys have once again lived up to their high reputation; and their products this year are as fascinating, ingenious, and topical as ever. The mechanical marvels, the model motor car, and the always popular locomotive, exhibit new gadgets, warranted to bring even pater-familias to his knees on the nursery floor; among the dolls there is a superb Mr. Chamberlain, able to face up to anything, since his expression can be altered at will; and Lilliput has its streets complete with traffic lights, Flying Squad cars, and every detail that makes for verisimilitude.

It is pleasant, however, to see that some of the very old favourites are still disdainful of the spell of time, which would whisk them into lumberland; and of these the most notable are the "penny plain, twopence coloured" toy theatre sheets that Stevenson made famous. The old shop at Hoxton is still busy reproducing them; and though the price of admission is now three-halfpence pla'n, threepence coloured, it is still the ancient, splendid, and authentic "kingdom of Transpontus" into which they introduce one.

Nothing has altered there. "How the roads wander, how the castle sits upon the hill, how the sun eradiates from behind the cloud, and how the congregated clouds themselves uproll, as stiff as bolsters! Here is the cottage interior, with the cloak upon the nail, . . . the gun and powder-horn and corner-cupboard. . . ." Captain Luff, Bold Bob Bowsprit, and a hundred more of that swaggering brotherhood spring up to greet one, with all the verve, the inimitable elan, of their palmy days. Is it any wonder that the nursery should turn at times from a shiny, exquisite, but perhaps rather complacent realism, to invest in three-pennyworth of Hoxton magic?

The Best Reply To Hitler's Mines

HITLER mines the seas round the British coast. The cries of those who suffer in ships can be heard from the land.

This new phase of the war shows greater Nazi determination and more cruelty. We can regard it as the first of a series of desperate acts to which Hitler has been driven by his present dilemma, and his insatiable craving for world domination.

He chooses a war of economics against Britain, and immediately implicates most of the neutral countries of the world.

Obviously Hitler believes that he can imprison the British Fleet, and isolate us to an extent that means our national life will be strangled, and thereby we shall be brought to our knees to sue for peace.

In his daydreams Hitler no doubt imagines that once this is achieved the British Empire will collapse and the war end on his terms. No doubt he thinks he can make a separate peace with France, and avoid what he fears most—a military reckoning with her.

No man could make a more serious mistake, for France is as determined as Britain to end for all time the threat of German aggression. Already France shows signs that she will not agree to any half-measures in the peace that the Allies will win by victory.

Many people think it strange that Hitler prefers to use the economic weapon against Britain, to postpone the war of frightfulness with which he has threatened us so often. In this we must admit his skill. He overshadows the economic attack on Britain with more threats. He uses the neutral Press to trumpet German propaganda all over the world in the hope that he can force a peace to his own advantage.

Our Long Warning

WE are told again that Germany has 30,000 aeroplanes at least, a vast fleet of submarines, and that the real war will begin in the spring of 1940.

No enemy was ever favoured with such long warning. Britain and France are to be allowed to speed up their vast output of munitions and machines while Hitler's aeroplanes become even more obsolescent.

There must be something wrong here. The best explanation is probably Hitler's fantastic belief in the force of propaganda.

His object is to crack the resistance of Britain and France from within. He wishes to frighten us, but German propaganda has now lost its force, even though conveyed by most distinguished visitors.

It has come up against its most powerful enemies, the cold scorn of the Allied leaders and the ridicule of the man in the street.

Having heard so many Nazi boasts, the people of Britain and France look for action. When Hitler failed to fulfil his threatened invasion of Holland he demonstrated his weakening leadership.

Hitler, the visionary, may dream of glorious victories to be won against the whole world, but it is quite clear that his generals do not. They have warned him that the army machine is not ready to fight the combined British and French Armies, and other armies which might become involved.

The generals want more time. The fact is that they have little faith in the Nazification of the German Army. They do not believe that politics and military discipline can be mixed efficiently.

So obstacles have been put in the way of a frontal attack on the Maginot Line, and the invasion of Holland has been postponed.

Generals Hold On

THE military caste are still anxious to preserve their tradition, when all other traditions have been smashed in Germany. A number of generals were concerned in the contacts established with Major Stevens and Captain Best, the two Britons who were kidnapped by the Gestapo at Venlo on November 9.

This statement is not difficult to believe when it is known that German generals were in touch with the British Government before the Munich crisis in 1938, and again in the early summer of his year.

From separate sources information has reached here that these dissident generals were ready to agree to the restoration of the independence of Czecho-Slovakia and Poland.

The Gestapo appear to have stumbled on this information by a fluke arising out of the Munich bomb attempt on Hitler's life, and quickly matched the two incidents to provide a necessary diversion at home and to make the world believe that here was another Reichstag fire plot.

We Shall Win

THWARTED in his desire to march into Holland, and probably alarmed and annoyed by the opposition of his generals, Hitler is said to have been all the more willing to listen to Admiral Raeder. He boasted that he could blockade Britain with comparative ease.

This must have been an eleventh-hour scheme, or otherwise Hitler would have used the plan now operating the moment war was declared, to prevent Britain transporting her Expeditionary Force to France.

To have cut Britain off from France in those early days would have been a powerful weapon of propaganda to persuade France to make a separate peace. Instead, the attempted blockade bears all the signs of a desperate last-minute scheme at which Hitler eagerly grabbed because of his dilemma.

There can be little question that Hitler seized the idea as a vain hope that he might be able to immobilise the concentrated efforts of Britain's men, money, and machines by which his fate will eventually be sealed.

The British decision to retaliate to the mining of the seas by seizing all German exports is a direct blow at the heart of the Nazi regime. It must have a tremendous effect on the course of the war.

Germany will be deprived of foreign exchange at the time when she needs it most. She has been living from hand to mouth through lack of credit for a long time. Now her trade with the outside world is to be stopped.

She will not be able to buy those essential raw materials which she requires. Granted that she has stocks of food and certain raw materials, there are still other commodities she needs to wage a long war. Now she will not be able to get them.

She will have less money to spend on propaganda in foreign capitals, which has been an important feature of Nazi shock tactics. She will be isolated save from those of her nearest neutral neighbours, whom she will try to force into her barter system.

Thus the prospects are becoming bleaker for Hitler, so that at any moment he may be tempted to launch his threatened war of frightfulness.

But this he must calculate most carefully, and there are signs that he is doing so. A war of frightfulness would have many dangers for him.

So far his attacks on British shipping have not led to reprisal raids on German naval depots or arsenals. German people know what food shortage means but not bombs.

If Hitler listens to those experts who know Britain (Ribbentrop excepted), they will have told him that the British man-in-the-street is a stubborn person with an enduring belief in himself and his country.

He has become so inured to repeated threats of Nazi frightfulness that there can be no surprise for him.

Blockade of Britain

AIR raids over Germany if, and when, they come, are likely to have much greater effect than over Britain. So Hitler may not be in a hurry to commit a final assault on this country which would inevitably lead to reprisals. He may prefer to continue his attempted blockade, and to keep the war on its economic level.

At the moment he is pleased by the success of his new war at sea by mines. As in the early days of the U-boat campaign, he has sunk a large number of ships. But this time they are mostly neutral—a mine cannot differentiate between British and neutral ships.

At first he blamed the sinking of neutral ships on British mines. Now he admits they are German mines.

He wants to frighten neutral shipping away from British ports. But in this campaign he is challenging the greatest Sea Power in the world.

The reputation of the British Navy is staked on finding an answer to this Nazi brutality. The Navy will succeed. Hitler must fail.

He will fail because behind the British Navy there are endless resources of skill, inventiveness, and courage.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

"You've broken my heart, wrecked my whole life, and ruined my entire evening."

ANY OLD IRON, Adolf?

GERMANY once had a proud and mighty Navy—but that was a quarter of a century ago. To-day the greater part of its tonnage is represented by typewriters, sewing machines and motor-cars in thousands of British homes; some of it has even been exported to Germany in British-made steel products; still more of it, as ploughshares, now helps to till England's green fields.

More than 100,000 tons of former German naval might still lies barnacled beneath the waters of Scapa Flow, where it was consigned by German hands in June, 1919.

It is an ironic twist of fate that steel from the former German Fleet should be playing an important part for the Allies in this war against Hitlerism. The reason which made this possible is even more ironical.

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When the Germans scuttled their ships at Scapa Flow in 1919, they took elaborate precautions to make sure that they could never be salved. Their very thoroughness was their undoing.

When they opened the sea cocks to let in the water, they even threw watertight doors overboard; they removed the seats of valves so that they could not be closed. And then—to complete the job—they left air in the double bottoms of the ships so that they turned turtle when they sank.

Had they sunk them the right way up, salvage engineers could never have raised them!

As it is, however, out of over half a million tons of ships, some 400,000 tons of scrap metal have been recovered; and in due course, doubtless, if the metal is worth the cost of salvage, the remainder of the fleet will be raised.

Three battleships and four light cruisers still lie at the bottom of Scapa Flow: nearly 70 ships were scuttled, including 50 destroyers.

No one really cared very much when the Germans sank their own fleet, in spite of the fact that a great many people expressed a great deal of indignation at the time.

For five years little was heard of the German ships; then a British scrap metal firm decided that it would be a profitable business to raise them.

It was an ambitious idea, and it developed into a tremendous task—a task which has so far taken 18 years.

One by one the scuttled destroyers were lifted from the bottom, and the capital ships brought to the surface.

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There have been many amusing incidents in those fifteen years of hard and dangerous work. The first occurred when the compressed air workers came upon the "cellar" in one of the battle-cruisers.

At first the salvage officers could not understand what was happening when men emerged from the airlocks bright of eye and laughing. But ten years under the sea had worked wonders with good Rhine wine!

Souvenirs of this tremendous salvage feat are to be found in hundreds of Orkney homes—crockery, cutlery, vases, even jewellery; for the German sailors had no time to collect and save personal belongings when they sent the last of their navy to the bottom.

But souvenirs, though interesting, are of secondary account. The raising of the ships has not only provided steel and other valuable metals for Britain's war needs, but it has given a large number of men an unrivalled experience in salvage.

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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Generals Meet The Emperor

TOKYO, Dec. 14 (Domei).—The Emperor this morning received nine Generals who recently returned from China.

Among them were Lieut.-General Eijiro Ebashi, who has commanded the Army air forces in North and Central China and Manchukuo; Lieut.-Generals Michitaro Komatsubara, Shigeji Yanashita, Shin Yoshida, Dodai Sugawara, Katsuji Imamura, and Kei Setani, and Major Generals Shinichiro Minamigumo and Akira Muto.

The Generals were later received by the Empress. The Emperor presented them with silver vases. They were entertained at a luncheon.

'Goebbels Was My Enemy'

DR. BERNHARD WEISS, Berlin's police chief in pre-Nazi days, found himself arrested in London on the outbreak of war by orders from the Scotland-yard with whom he had often conferred six years ago on international crime.

After being detained for some days Dr. Weiss has been released. He had satisfied the authorities he was not a dangerous enemy alien.

Recently, Dr. Weiss looked out of the window of his tiny third-floor office in Grays Inn-road, W.C., and said:

"Now I am just a London business man. Clients who heard I was interned have telephoned my office. But I am on good terms with your British authorities.

"At Scotland-yard they know that I was an opponent of the Nazi regime. Dr. Goebbels was my especial enemy. Hitler's rise to power in 1933 deprived me of my German nationality. I fled to England and have been here ever since."

GERMAN WARSHIP RUNS TO SHELTER

The German "pocket battleship" Admiral Graf Spee, not the Admiral Scheer as thought earlier, is now safe in Montevideo Harbour where she is expected to remain for at least a month. The British warships did not enter port, anchoring in the outer harbour for a short time but disappearing over the horizon before morning.

The Graf Spee has landed thirty-six dead and sixty wounded, while she claims sanctuary on the grounds that her superstructure is damaged and it will take more than the twenty-four hours allowed by International Law for repairs to be completed to make her seaworthy.

The Uraguayian authorities have given permission for her to remain in port for thirty days and to bury her dead.

The Germans claim at the same time, however, that the casualties were caused by British mustard gas shells landing on the deck and that the warship is very slightly damaged and put into port only because she was running short of fuel. Britain has already denied the allegation.

The British cruiser Exeter, which first engaged the Nazi warship and suffered from the greatest attentions of the Nazi gunmen, is said to have been hit no less than seven times, twice on her superstructure and five times on the hull above the waterline. She was not sunk, though it is believed there were heavy casualties aboard.

The German ship landed six British ship's captains, presumably from ships she has captured and sunk during her short career in the southern Atlantic.

Monte Video, Dec. 14.

The Uruguayan authorities state that the Admiral Graf Spee, not the Admiral Scheer, was engaged in the battle.

The Admiral Graf Spee is the newest of the three German pocket battleships (others being the Deutschland and Admiral Scheer) and was completed in January 1936.

She has a normal complement of 926, a speed of 26 knots, a displacement of 10,000 tons, and carries six 11-inch guns, eight 5.9 guns, 14 anti-aircraft guns, and two aircraft.

The pocket battleships cost £3,750,000 each.—Reuter

Engagement Described

Montevideo, Dec. 14.

The pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee and the cruisers Exeter, Ajax and Achilles are anchored a few miles apart after the biggest and most dramatic naval battle of the European war—a two-day running fight in which the Admiral Graf Spee and the Exeter were damaged.

The Admiral Graf Spee lost 36 men killed and 60 wounded. The Exeter's casualties have not yet been revealed.

Official sources report the Admiral Graf Spee was hit three times on the Captain's bridge, officers' mess room, and powder room. Her Captain is reported to have been wounded in the arm.

It is also reported that the Exeter sustained one direct hit.

The Admiral Graf Spee was pursued relentlessly and did her utmost to escape to the open sea, but the speedier British vessels forced her to the coast, from which tens of thousands tensely watched her steam slowly in until she dropped anchor, followed by the British vessels which anchored at Punta Carreta, 10 miles south-east of Montevideo.

The German battleship later moved to the inner harbour, where the seriously wounded were disembarked and sent to hospital.

The President's Secretary, Mr. Hugo Ricaldone, announced later that the Admiral Graf Spee could remain in port 30 days because of her damaged superstructure. The British vessels are expected to establish a close watch to insure the enemy vessel never puts out to sea.

British Ships Arrive

Officials boarded and inspected the Admiral Graf Spee and afterwards stated to a correspondent that it was reported on board that the Admiral Graf Spee sighted the French steamer Formose and was approaching her, whereupon H.M.S. Ajax appeared on the horizon at full steam. The Ajax had meanwhile summoned the Exeter and Achilles.

The guns opened fire and the race began to shore. At 6.30 a.m. on Wednesday the real fight began at the mouth of the River Plate. In the afternoon the Exeter and Achilles appeared and the battle was continued. The ships were a mile apart and proceeded to shore.

The ships were sighted from the coast about 6 p.m., the Admiral Graf Spee far ahead. Heavy firing recommenced at 8 p.m., ceased, and re-started at 9 p.m. H.M.S. Ajax closed in and the Admiral Graf Spee was forced to port.

Meanwhile the French steamer Formose headed for Buenos Aires.

It is reported that when the British cruisers trapped the enemy vessel the latter was preparing to board the French steamer Formose to replenish her supplies.

The Admiral Graf Spee arrived in port with her searchlights playing on the beaches owing to her unfamiliarity with the port entrance. The Maritime Police immediately sent out a tug and assisted her to the anchorage.

Wounded On Exeter

The authorities granted the German Minister permission to visit the Admiral Graf Spee to collaborate with the Captain. Officials of the British Legation visited the Maritime Police and requested permission to board the Exeter, which is reported to be badly damaged.

Several doctors subsequently left aboard a tug to the Exeter to assist the injured, although the number of casualties on the British ships is not known.

When the German Minister, Herr Otto Langmann, returned from the Admiral Graf Spee, he made the accusation to the *United Press* correspondent that the majority of the sailors were injured by gas bombs. He said that several seamen were suffering from eye injuries.

At 2.40 a.m. to-day seven ambulances began the work of removing the wounded to hospital.

The authorities have granted the German Minister's request for burial of the 36 dead at Montevideo.

A spokesman of the German Embassy, authorised by the German Minister to make a statement to a correspondent, said there were 36 dead and 60 wounded aboard the Admiral Graf Spee because the British used mustard gas grenades.

The damage to the vessel was insignificant.

The spokesman added that six British Captains captured off the South African and South American coasts and held aboard the German ship would be landed at Montevideo.

The authorities at Punta Leste state that the Ajax formed a smoke screen in front of Punta Leste and thereafter started firing at the Admiral Graf Spee, which immediately answered the fire. Both ships continued to fire until they reached Punta Ballena, when the Admiral Graf Spee turned south-east.

Graf Spee Damage Severe

London, Dec. 14.

The damage to the Admiral Graf Spee is much more severe than was at first expected. She has a big hole in her control tower and the plane on her deck has been seriously damaged.

Some of her 11-inch guns have been put out of action.

The British cruiser Exeter, which was forced out of the action by having to reduce speed, is reported not to be seriously damaged.

The Ajax and Achilles are reported to have steamed out of sight of Montevideo harbour and cannot be seen this morning. The Exeter and Ajax are from Devonport and Chat-

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FIGHTING SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER

"Gallant Action" In Atlantic Described

London, Dec. 14.

Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day made a fighting speech re-affirming British determination to wage a relentless war against Germany, while giving material aid to Finland.

Members of the House of Commons were most elated at what the Premier called "gallant action" against the Admiral Graf Spee.—*United Press.*

London, Dec. 14.

An account of the naval battle with the Admiral Graf Spee was given by Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons this afternoon when he reviewed the progress of the war.

Mr. Chamberlain said, "Shortly after 6 a.m. yesterday Commodore Harwood on the Ajax reported that he was in contact with a German pocket battleship. Thereupon, with the Exeter and Achilles, he attacked the enemy who made off in the direction of Montevideo.

"During the action, which was of a severe character, the Exeter received damage which reduced her speed and forced her to drop out of the fight.

"The two six-inch cruisers continued the pursuit and about midnight the German ship, which turned out to be the Admiral Graf Spee, carrying six 11-inch guns, took refuge within territorial waters and is now anchored off Montevideo."

Mr. Chamberlain referred to the 36 dead and 60 wounded as stated by the German Minister to Uruguay, who said these casualties were alleged to be due to the use by the British cruisers of mustard gas.

"This characteristic statement, is, of course, without foundation," said the Premier. "No gas shells or grenades have ever been made for or used by any ships of His Majesty's Navy.

Depredations Ended

"Although the full details are not yet available, I think it is already apparent that a very gallant action was fought by three comparatively small British ships against a much more heavily armed adversary, the result of which may well be to free the South Atlantic from the depredations of this raider (Cheers).

"Members will also have welcomed the news that the 'Bremen submarine' has sunk a U-boat and torpedoed an enemy cruiser."

Mr. Chamberlain then referred to air operations which had been hampered by bad weather and poor visibility. He mentioned the continuous patrols carried out over the enemy bases of Heligoland on December 12.

Continuing, Mr. Chamberlain said that since his last statement the discussions with the visiting Ministers from the Dominions and representative of India have been completed.

"There was a full and frank exchange of views which proved to be of the highest value both on the German strategical and diplomatic aspects of the war as also on the particular problems affecting the individual members of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Chamberlain, continuing, said "The Finns have been defending their country with courage and determination and the Finnish Army proved itself by far the better fighting force in everything but numbers. (Cheers).

"It is too soon to attempt to forecast its unequal struggle, but its political consequences have already been far-reaching.

POLITICAL SITUATION

"By their act of aggression the Soviet Government has outraged the conscience of the whole world. (Cheers). Nevertheless the Germans have publicly ranged themselves on the side of the aggressor, whom they have even attempted to assist by a scurrilous and violent campaign against other Scandinavian countries for their moral support of the Finnish cause."

Mr. Chamberlain recalled that in the last year it was decided that the nations could each decide what they would do in regard to an aggressor State, and said, "Before the question had been raised at Geneva Britain had decided to permit delivery to Finland by the manufacturers concerned of a number of fighting aircraft of which the Finnish Government were in urgent need and they intended similarly to release other material which would be of assistance to the Finnish Government.

"General help has been forthcoming from several other countries which recently supplied war material to Finland and would have supplied more but for the fact that the German Government made difficulties regarding transit."

Referring to the League's discussion of the question, Mr. Chamberlain said, "The attitude of His Majesty's Government has already been made abundantly clear: while strongly condemning the Soviet aggression, they consider every effort should be made to utilise the League machinery for its primary purpose, namely, a peaceful settlement of the dispute, and if that should prove impossible, for affording practical assistance to the victim of aggression."

Events at Geneva

Mr. Chamberlain then outlined the recent events at Geneva and mentioned that the League handled the appeal by Finland with the utmost speed and despatch. He spoke on the bearing of the Finnish conflict on Britain's war aims and said, "An opportunity provided by this conflict has been eagerly seized upon by the German propaganda machine, and by many people acting consciously or unconsciously in its service, to deflect attention from the primary objective of the Allied war effort, which is to defeat Nazi Germany.

"We must never lose sight of that objective.

"We must never forget it was German aggression which paved the way for the Soviet attack on Poland and Finland, and that Germany alone among the nations is even now abetting by word and deed Russian aggression.

"We must all give what help and support we can spare to the latest victim of these destructive forces, but meanwhile it is only by concentrating on our task of resistance to German aggression and thus attack the evil at its root that we can hope to save the nations of Europe from a fate which must otherwise overtake them."

After referring to the visit of the King to the front line where all ranks were stimulated by his presence and gave his Majesty the warmest of welcomes, Mr. Chamberlain mentioned British troops have now taken their place in a sector of the Maginot Line side by side with their French Allies.

Certain British units are now facing the enemy in the outpost line in this sector, whence patrols are maintained in touch with the enemy. —*Reuter.*

Japan—America

Secret Naval Agreement?

Tokyo, Dec. 14.

Asked by a foreign correspondent whether the Soviet Government is resorting to dilatory tactics in the fishery negotiations, the spokesman of the Navy Office, Rear-Admiral Masao Kanasawa, said that there would be various matters requiring diplomatic arrangements in the issue.

He refused to believe that the Soviet Union was deliberately delaying negotiations with Japan.

An American correspondent pointed out that that the American Navy has a plan to establish a submarine base at Midway Island. He asked the spokesman as to Japan's possible reaction to it.

The spokesman said that the Japanese Navy did not feel much concern regarding the reported plan, which apparently was part of a prearranged programme.

Another American correspondent pointed out that there was a belief that a "Naval Gentleman's Agreement" exists between Japan and the United States as a sequel to the Washington Agreement, and that it stipulates that the American Navy would neither hold manoeuvres in the Western Pacific nor fortify the islands in the Western Pacific.

Under the agreement, the correspondent further alleged, Japan would refrain from holding manoeuvres or fortifying islands in the Eastern Pacific.

The correspondent asked whether Japan adhered to the alleged agreement.

The spokesman reserved his reply pending a full inquiry into the matter. The spokesman also denied that Japan has ever contemplated a plan to set up a submarine base in the Mandated Islands to meet the reported American plan to open a similar base at Midway or Wake Islands.—*Domei.*

Pacific Defences

Honolulu, Dec. 13.

It is understood that American naval authorities have already finished the surveys of the site of the projected naval air base in Palmyra Islands consisting of about 50 coral reefs midway between Hawaiian Islands and Samoa Islands.

A sum of $1,100,000 is set aside for the construction of the new air base in the Pacific.—*Domei.*

Tientsin Allegation

Tientsin, Dec. 14.

The American Chamber of Commerce will confer with Mr. Nelson T. Johnson whether to officially refute the statement of the Garrison Commander, General Homma, that the Americans have adopted a hostile attitude towards the Japanese.

The Chamber had earlier categorically denied the allegation and pointed out that it has no wish to interfere with the Japanese and on the other hand was trying to co-operate with them.

General Homma recently made a statement that if the Chamber continues to recommend that the trade treaty be not renewed, the Japanese military authorities would be unable to favour the Americans in Tientsin.

Tributes To Mr. Sheldon

Tributes to Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., whose appointment as Crown Counsel of Hongkong was announced recently, were paid by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The Chief Justice said he would like to testify in no uncertain manner as to the assistance which he had always received from Mr. Sheldon. He was happy that Mr. Sheldon was going to be a member of the staff of the Court, and wished him the good luck and success which he deserved.

On behalf of the Bar, Mr. Potter associated himself with the Chief Justice's remarks, and added that Mr. Sheldon's departure was indeed a very serious loss. Mr. Sheldon, he said, had always been fair in conducting his cases and always fought them hard and well.

Mr. Sheldon expressed his appreciation. He will take up his post in January.

CHOLERA DECREASE

Medical Head Produces Recent Figures

Figures indicative of the decrease in the number of Cholera cases since the advent of cooler weather were given by the Director of Medical Services, Dr. Selwyn-Clarke, at the Legislative Council yesterday, when replying to a question by Sir Henry Pollock. Sir Henry asked:

"In view of the statement in the *Government Gazette* on December 8 that Hongkong is declared an infected port on account of Cholera in Bangkok, Tientsin, Netherlands Indies, Singapore, Federated Malay States, Amoy, Egypt, Palestine, Tsingtao, Shanghai and the Philippine Islands, will the Government state how many cases of Cholera have been reported in this Colony during each of the five weeks up to December 9?"

Dr. Selwyn-Clarke replied: One case and two deaths from Cholera were reported during the week ending November 11, and a further case the week ending November 18. Since then no cases have been discovered.

On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the style of the office of Monopoly Analyst was changed to that of Government Chemist (Monopoly), and that of Government Analyst to Government Chemist.

The following bills were read a third time and passed:

A Bill to amend the Vagrancy Ordinance, 1897;

A Bill to amend further the Rating Ordinance, 1901;

A Bill to amend yet further the Volunteer Ordinance, 1933; and

"A Bill to consolidate and amend the Prevention of Eviction Ordinances, 1938 and 1939.

Council adjourned sine die.

Those present at the meeting were: His Excellency the Governor (Sir G. A. S. Northcote).

The Officer Commanding the troops (Major-Gen. A. E. Grasett).

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith).

The Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster).

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North).

The Financial Secretary (Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters).

Hon. Commander G. F. Hole (Harbour Master).

Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, (Director of Medical Services).

Hon. Mr. T. H. King (Commissioner of Police).

Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock.

Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell.

Hon. Mr. Lo Man-kam.

Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields.

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

CLOSE OF THE CURRENT SEASON

Confusion Bay Should Win The Hongkong Autumn Champions

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB will terminate their racing season to-morrow when the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting will be staged. The first saddling bell will be rung at the usual time 1.30 p.m. sharp. There are the usual eight interesting events on the programme, including three Autumn Champions over one and a quarter miles, confined to old China ponies, subscription griffins of this year, and the Australian ponies of any season.

After this meeting there will be no more flat racing at Happy Valley until Spring. Those, who have gone down in the sink, will undoubtedly have to exert a little of that golden gift of patience until the Annual Race Meeting, when the handicap contests are thrown into the shade, and money will then be much easier to pick up.

However, our Annual Carnival has unequivocally been the pride of the Colony's events on account of the popularity of the racing of Australian and China ponies, subscription griffins imported annualy by the Hongkong Jockey Club, but it is regrettable that there is not much prospect of seeing the latter in the arena at the forthcoming annual meeting.

It is learned from a reliable source that the fulfilment of the contract placed by the Club with the Russian dealer, Mr. Mordohovich, for the supply of one hundred China ponies to be raced in 1940 is very remote owing to hostilities up north, and the difficulty of obtaining an export permit from the Japanese Government.

It has not yet been possible to ascertain whether there will be any curtailment of the five days' programme, but judging by the number of Australian and China ponies we have had at the extra meetings, one feels that one has the right to predict that a good lot of these chargers will be brought into action at the 1940 annual meeting to replace the sub-griffins' events. The absence of "C", "D" and "E" classes will not then be so conspicuous at the Spring.

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ATTENTION of owners is drawn to the fact that nominations for the champion contest are post entries and they are reminded that ponies, whether Australian or China, for any of the Autumn classics must be declared in writing as starters by posting their names in the declaration box in the usual manner.

It would be looking through rose coloured spectacles should I attempt to suggest that there will be no opposition in the three Autumn classics. At any rate the convincing manner in which Baffin Bay annexed the Fremantle St. Leger argues very much in favour of one of the finest fights in the Queensland Autumn Champions, coupled with a big field.

LEADING JOCKEYS

I DO not propose at this juncture to review the 1939 racing season, but it may be of interest to know that Mr. Encarnacao will again head the list of winning jockeys as he has to date nine wins more than his second rival, Mr. V. V. Needa. Hereunder is a list showing the position of those jockeys, who have over ten wins during the season.

	Wins	2nds	3rds
C. Encarnacao ...	33	22	11
V. V. Needa	24	21	19
A. W. Raymond ..	19	9	11
D. Black	16	19	11
L. B. Chao	16	6	12
H. C. Pih	15	23	14
S. C. Liang	14	14	14

While on the subject it is interesting to reveal that no champion jockey in the past has got anywhere near the figure of 50 wins scored by Mr. L. G. Frost in 1935. It will be recalled that he was the champion jockey from 1930 to 1933, but he would have been at the top of the tree in 1934 were it not for his Home leave. Mr. Frost's best riding feat was 57 wins registered in 1932 with the inclusion of seven successes out of ten events at the Seventh Extra Meeting held on May 28.

CHANCE FOR OTHERS

THE main aspect of to-morrow's racing is that many ponies of different classes have been barred from the handicap events so as to give other steeds a chance of making a few dollars to provide for their "hay and corn", and in the circumstances many public idols will not be donning the silk. In other words, with the exception of the three Autumn Champions, the other five are more or less consolation events.

Daily Double Prospects

INCIDENTALLY the Tardy Handicap for "B" class, and the Last Chance Handicap for "C" class (both China ponies) have been selected for the daily double event, and there are 11 entries in each contest. The carrying over of a pool of $7,523, which punters failed to connect the second leg of the combination at the last meeting, is the other consolation to the regular followers of the turf, provided, of course, they can find the two right 'orses.

A close study of the entries seems to me that both events are very open, and in the circumstances I would strongly suggest that one cannot go wrong should he back all the ponies in the first leg by taking 11 chances on each runner. This would naturally involve an outlay of $605, and the second part of the gamble is to have a ticket on each starter in the second selected event.

Assuming there should be only ten acceptors for the first leg of the daily double event, one must also purchase 11 chances on each runner, and should there be only eight starters for the second leg, the excess (two remaining chances) can be placed on your own fancy. But whether the investment will be a remunerative one, I am not prepared to guarantee.

OPENING EVENT

Confusion Bay Certain

CONFUSION Bay is a dead certainty (as the water is in the harbour) for the opening event, the Hongkong Autumn Champions for China ponies over 1¼ miles, and Mr. Dunbar's candidate has only to canter the circuit to collect the first prize of $1,000.

It will be recalled that when they clashed in the October Handicap over the champion course, the winner (Confusion Bay) was conceding 17 lbs. of lead to Eve of Harvest, who was beaten by a short head, but to-morrow they meet on the scale weight for inches, and I therefore cannot see the possibility of the latter turning the tables.

Rose Elect, owned by Mr. Eu Tongsen, is definitely not starting as she lacks the strength over a distance run. Galaxy, the winner of St. Andrew's Stakes, is going to spend a quiet afternoon in his stall, while Hectic View, who was trounced by the former for the third place in the Hongkong St. Leger, is weighing-out to pick up the third place stake money. Navylight, the captor of the Hongkong St. Leger, is ineligible.

LAGGARDS' HAN'CAP

Vote For Pumpernickel

IN the Laggards' Handicap for "C" class Australian ponies over six furlongs, I will vote Pumpernickel once for the first position in the frame, but I have not been able to ascertain who is to be the jockey. The usual pilot, Mr. Proulx, is now in the Navy, and it is rumoured that the sailor boy will be on duty.

However, I do know that Brutus will be ridden by Mr. Pih, and he is dangerous. Either Dick Turpin or Macquarie River should fill the third position.

As an outsider I recommend Twilight Star, who has been well buttered with only 140 lbs.

DILATORY HANDICAP

Smiling Time Indicated

THE Dilatory Handicap for China ponies, subscription griffins of this season, that have not won more than $1,000, has drawn only eight entries and the run is over a mile. It looks that Smiling Time is going to have an easy time passing the

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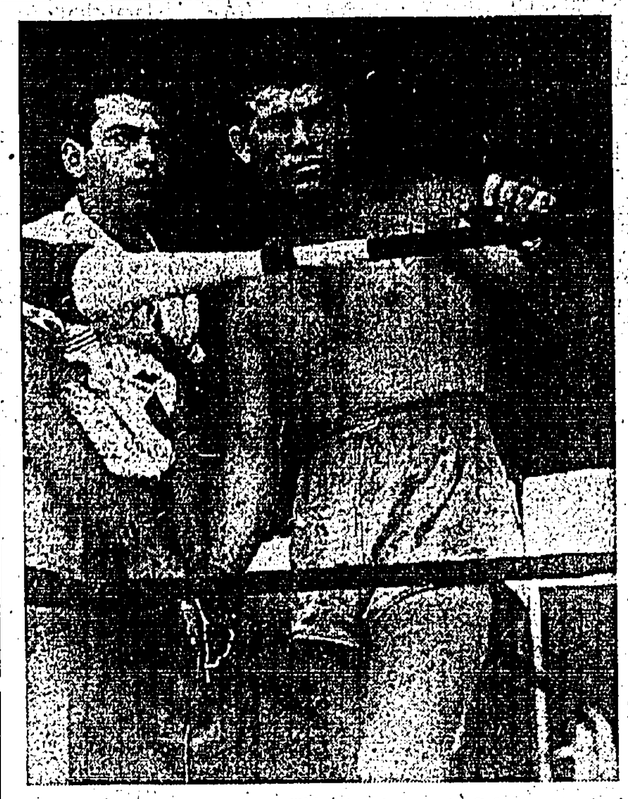

Glenn Lee, the Nebraska Wild-cat, who meets Ceferino Garcia in Manila on December 23 for the world middleweight boxing title. Following glimpses of his training, several heavy bets have been placed on Lee to take the championship.

Hockey Meeting

Experimental Short Corner To Be Given Trial In Hongkong

At a Council Meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Association held yesterday in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, it was unanimously decided to give the new experimental short corner a trial throughout the season at friendly matches.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to notify the Hockey Umpires' Association to that effect, and to request that all umpires officiating at matches where the new short corner is to be experimented with to make a special note of the number of short corners given and the goals scored from them. All Club Hon. Secretaries will also be notified of the experiment.

A letter was read from the Macao Hockey Club to the effect that they had not yet held their annual meeting and that it was impossible at the moment to make any arrangements for the Interport against Hongkong.

They made mention of the fact that teams from Hongkong would be welcome in Macao on any Sunday.

Army And Navy XV's For Triangular Tournament Game

The Triangular Rugby Tournament match between Army and Navy will take place at Sookunpoo to-morrow at 4 p.m. Teams:

Army.—L/Cpl. Picton (Engineers) Spr. Artingstall (Engineers), L/Cpl. Waite (Engineers), Sgt. Lang (Ordnance), Lt. Skipwith (10th Hvy. Regt.); Lt. Hook (6th Hvy. Regt.), Lt. May (Durhams); L/Bdr. Evans (5th A.A. Regt.), Cpl. Sutherland (Royal Scots), Lt. Hewitt (Middlesex); L/Bdr. Whitehead (5th A.A. Regt.), Pte. Berry (Middlesex); Capt. Duke (Royal Scots), Lt. Cuthbertson (Royal Scots), Lt. Pinkerton (Royal Scots).

Navy (from.—Pay. Lt. Stevens, Lt. Bax; Tel. Bowden, Tel. Paul, Mid. Nicoll, Sub. Lt. Kennedy; Lt. Cdr. Clark, Lt. Carter, Sub. Lt. Plugge, Ldg. Wtr. Ferris; Ldg. Wtr. Barlow, Lt. Brown, L.S.A. Palmer, Flt. Lt. Taylor, P. O. Smart, C. Wtr. King, Lt. Bayley, Pay Lt. Charles.

Badminton Fixtures Amended

As there is still some doubt as to the correct fixtures in the Badminton League, Club Secretaries are requested to take note of the following amendments.

In the Mixed Doubles to-night, Recreio "A" will receive Taikoo, and not K.C.C. as shown in the handbook.

In the same league, it should be noted that on March 1 it is Recreio "B" which play at home to St. John's, and that the K.C.C. v. Taikoo match is now scheduled for March 15.

Amendments in the "B" Division are:

On January 3, Recreio play at home to St. John's, and St. Andrew's are at home to K.C.C., with V.R.C. receiving St. Teresa's.

On January 17, V.R.C. are at home to the K.C.C., and on March 13, St. Teresa's are at home to St. Andrew's, and not St. John's as shown in the handbook.

Middlesex Regt. Boxing Tourney

The inter-company (novices) team boxing tournament of the 1st. Battalion, the Middlesex Regiment, will be held at Nanking Barracks, Shamshuipo, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 18, 19 and 20, commencing at 7.30 p.m. each evening. Prices for admission will be $1 and 50 cents.

Kowloon Chess Club Defeat Victoria

A friendly chess match was held yesterday evening at the Gloucester Building when the Victoria Chess Club entertained the Kowloon Chess Club, but were beaten by four matches to two.

Victoria		Kowloon	
Sir Henry Pollock	0	D. E. de Carvalho	1
E. Zimmern	1	B. D. Evans	0
A. Brooksbank	0	H. W. Randall	1
C. E. Moore	0	A. Kurrik	1
A. E. Glanville	0	A. Y. Birlukoff	1
B. C. Field	1	P. A. Yvanovich	0
	2		4

Tennis

First Round Ties In Women's Tourney

Miss R. Rumjahn advanced to the second round of the women's singles tennis championship when she eliminated Mr. A. C. Hutchison 6-0, 6-3 on Sunday.

Mrs. N. W. Smeby has been given a walk-over by Mrs. Marriott.

Kowloon B.C.C. Teams

The following will represent Kowloon Bowling Green Club against Kowloon Cricket Club at tennis on Sunday, commencing at 2 p.m.:

Women.—J. Sturgeon, V. Clarke, E. Lawson, E. Turpin, P. Peckham, J. Rogers, J. Whyte and E. Hardie.

Men.—J. Sturgeon, C. E. Turpin, J. Douglas, L. Sykes, A. Rogers, F. F. Clarke, P. Peckham and J. Whyte.

Rifle Shooting

OVERSEAS POSTAL MATCH

Difficult Conditions At Kowloon City

CONDITIONS were far from ideal for the shooting of the Overseas .303 full range Postal Match at Kowloon City on Wednesday. The wind was variable and tricky though the light remained good, and it was probably this that accounted for the comparatively low scores at 300 yards. Both teams improved at 500 yards, and the aperture sights team scored more at 600 than at 300 yards.

A Spoon and Practice Shoot was also held, in which some seventy members took part.

Outstanding achievement of the Postal Match was that of Cpl. Langford (Middlesex) who, with open sights scored 44, 47, 42, making a total of 133 of a possible 150. This was equalled by Sgt. Russell (Police) who, firing with aperture sights, scored 48, 44, 43. Performances among others did not come up to expectations.

The results of the Postal Match will be made known in March.

In the spoon shoot, in which the teams did not compete, nett spoons were won by Flt. Sgt. F. Tollinson (R.A.F.) and P/Sgt. Chanchal Singh (Police), and handicap spoons went to L.A.C. Hunt (R.A.F.), W. H. Golder (R.A.F.) and Pte. R. M. B. Gutierrez (Volunteers).

Scores:

Aperture Sights

	300	500	600	Ttl.
P/Sgt. Chanchal Singh (4)	29	32	28	89
J. A. Guard (2)	30	31	28	89
L/Cpl. S. G. Brighty (3)	28	31	31	90
A. F. Evans (3)	29	33	25	87
L.A.C. L. R. Hunt (5)	27	28	31	86
Capt. F. Sale (4)	30	31	23	84
Cpl. V. M. Hammond (1)	25	31	29	85
F. G. Drake (3)	28	30	27	85
H. L. Langley (2)	30	28	26	84
S.I., C. C. Chau (Scr.)	31	27	26	84
H. G. Foreman (3)	31	29	25	84
P.S., K. C. Hoo (2)	30	30	31	83
A.S.P., D. Lole (3)	22	31	29	82

Open Sights

F/Sgt. F. Tollison (5)	27	29	32	88
P.C., Charan Singh (5)	26	29	30	85
S.I., H. O. Eso	27	25	27	79
L/Sgt. J. D. Remedios (6)	27	28	24	79
L/Cpl. A. D'Aquino (5)	24	29	25	78
A.C., W. H. Golder (11)	23	28	22	73
Cpl. J. C. Remedios (11)	25	27	20	72
Bdms. D. Bolam (9)	23	31	18	72
Lt. F. V. V. Ribeiro (6)	21	26	24	71
Spr. E. W. Allo (9)	23	25	23	71
L.A.C., T. H. Storey (9)	27	23	21	71
Pte. R. M. B. Gutierrez (13)	21	28	21	70
Cpl. A. F. Ferreira (14)	20	25	23	68
J. Hargreaves (11)	21	28	19	68
Bdms. K. Nix (11)	22	28	16	66
Pte. R. A. Castro (10)	25	25	15	65

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 16th December, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel 27794) will close at 12 o'clock NOON.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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Secretary.

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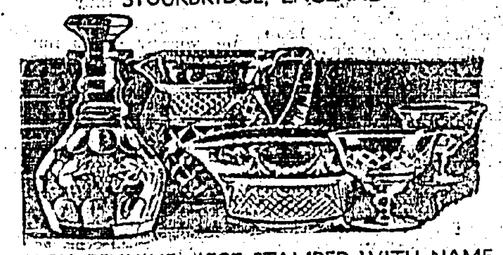
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Problem Of Caddies At Fanling Golf Club

R. YOUNG ELECTED CAPTAIN AT ANNUAL MEETING

THE PROBLEM OF CADDIES at the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Fanling, was discussed by A. E. Lissaman, Captain, at the Annual Meeting of the Cl·b held yesterday. Members were requested not to take matters into their own hands, no matter what the provocation, but to report and have the offenders dealt with through the proper channels.

Despite difficult times, he reported, the Club had had a very satisfactory year. A plan is being entertained for the extension of the Relief Course, adding another nine holes.

Mr. Lissaman said in part:

Bearing in mind the times through which we are passing the period under review has been very satisfactory. I do not mean that all our ambitions have been realised, because they have not; the most notable exception being the enforced postponement of the long awaited new Club house at Fanling. Arrangements were made for work to start in September; but the trend of world events caused your Committee to review the situation and it was decided to postpone the scheme.

The year that began so well ended under the gloom of war. This has affected many members and curtailed their play. It is an ill-wind, however, that blows nobody any good and your Committee have been able to extend to all Subscribers playing facilities over week-ends, a privilege of which they have availed themselves considerably.

Work during the year on the courses at Fanling consisted mostly of draining the low lying areas on the New Course and enlarging their somewhat feeble bunkers. The work was carried out by Mr. Hitchins with his usual ability and attention though he was hampered up to the end of June by excessive rainfall. After that date far less rain fell than usual, and in consequence the newly laid turf is not at the moment as good as it might be. You may have noticed too that we have been suffering since October from the effects of drought in the form of grubs and weeds in the greens and that the Courses have been unduly burnt up; the typhoon was welcome but it came too late.

COURSE EXTENSION

A caddie strike at Fanling in the Summer caused but slight inconvenience. The situation demanded and received firm handling and after a slight purge and some small changes in the organisation, the situation has since been quite satisfactory.

One thing I would like to ask is for members not to take matters into their own hands, whatever the provocation, in the course of a round. This may in some cases be asking a lot, but I would remind you that our caddies at Fanling have to leave us when they are 18; thus the bulk of them must necessarily be small boys, some of whom lack experience. Our very efficient method of caddie reports is quite sufficient to enable offenders to be dealt with through proper channels and the use of any other method acts against the interests not only of the individual member but also of those of the Club.

I recall Mr. Dodwell's dictum "an ounce of encouragement is worth a ton of abuse," and in order that members may not suffer unduly from the effects of a day in the country with a caddie not quite up to standard, that "ounce of encouragement" is being given by the Club in the form of caddie classes which have this year been inaugurated on a small scale under an ex-caddie. I hope members will assist in this experiment by coaching their caddies during their rounds.

HAPPY VALLEY CADDIES

At Happy Valley a caddie scheme on the same lines as at Fanling has been introduced and has been very successful in abolishing the former scrambling and fighting for jobs. On the same Course too, a complete new water system has been installed replacing many very old pipes.

Once again our members and others have contributed to the Children's Playground Association over $750 through the Club' accounts alone.

The Secretary's and Superintendent's agreements have both been before your Committee, but here again the war has intervened and arrangements once practically completed have been upset. With the proposal to rebuild the club house at Fanling, it was necessary to keep in mind the organisation required to cope with the inevitable inconvenience of the necessary change over, and arrangements had been made accordingly. Now of course those arrangements have had to be abandoned and others more in keeping with the times and conditions have been substituted.

ACCOUNTS SATISFACTORY

As regards the accounts for the year, these must, I think, be regarded as extremely satisfactory. The profit on working is nearly $20,000, or $3,843 more than last year and this enables us to transfer over $17,000 to reserve.

Our total income increased considerably and our expenditure, which includes of course purchases for food and refreshments etc. increased, naturally; but the cost of administration etc. decreased. All reasonable economy has been exercised. Subscriptions have shown an increase which is encouraging and new members are still coming forward in considerable numbers.

The profits under practically all headings have been satisfactory. The only exception is that of Fanling Catering where profits probably do not altogether cover overheads including linen, crockery, servants, etc. Of course food and coal prices were slightly but steadily on the increase and this may be expected to continue. It may be necessary, therefore, to make a slight increase in the cost of meals though your Committee would do so only after the most careful consideration and on the grounds that it could not economically be avoided.

I may mention in passing that considerable stocks of liquor were purchased before the new duties came into force. Nevertheless, your Committee thought, as certain articles had to be purchased at the new rates, and partly to lessen the shock of a sudden considerable increase later, that it was best to increase prices by five per cent. as from December 1.

BUILDING FUND INCREASE

Once again we are on the right side as regards bad debts, and there was a satisfactory increase of $30,000 in our Building Fund which, at the end of the financial year stood at $114,000. This amount is still increasing with the welcome addition of new entrance fees.

Our buildings and equipment have been depreciated at the usual rates and, as maintenance has not been neglected, I think you will agree they stand in the books at a very reasonable figure.

I new propose that Report and Accounts for the year ending September 30, 1939 be adopted.

REPAINTED BALL RACKET

Seconding the proposal, Mr. A. Ritchie said everyone of them must agree that the results for the year had been most satisfactory. No item called for special attention unless it was what one might term the repainted ball racket. He did not know whether anyone had noticed that the profit on that item was no less than some 240 per cent.

Mr. Ritchie said he understood it was the intention to put air conditioning in part of the clubhouse, and he thought that, as time went on, special consideration should be given to have air-conditioning in the whole of the clubhouse.

Referring to Mr. Lissaman, Mr. Ritchie said his position was rather unique in that he was the Captain and champion in the same year, and suggested that Mr. Lissaman be re-elected, when the war was over, in order to give him an opportunity of enjoying a little of the comforts of the new clubhouse in the position of Captain.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

OFFICERS

Mr. R. Young was elected Captain for the ensuing year, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming re-elected as auditors.

Members of the Committee appointed were—Messrs. D. H. Blake, A. D. Humphreys, A. E. Lissaman, A. K. Mackenzie, J. A. D. Morrison, H. H. Mundy, F. A. Redmond, A. Sommerfelt and G. C. Worrall.

Cabaret And Dance

Last night's charity supper dance and cabaret at the Peninsula Hotel, organised by the Hongkong Chinese Women's Club, was an outstanding success and thoroughly enjoyed by a very large attendance.

The function was in aid of Chinese Refugee Relief, and the British War Organisation Fund.

The Rose Room and Roof Garden were filled to capacity, and those who did not dance were entertained at mahjongg and bridge.

Among the cabaret turns was an interesting number performed by a group of talented Chinese society girls in an original setting. The number was an interpretation of an old Chinese fairy tale entitled, "Spring Song and dance of the Fairies."

Miss Colleen Ng Quinn took the part of the Queen of the Fairies, and sang well. The performers, who were beautifully costumed in traditional Chinese robes, were the Misses Ng Quinn, Gloria Yee, Doris Louey, May Ung, Emily Ko, Lucy Chan, Frances Lee, Kong Tak-chee, Doreen Weir, Constance Ng Quinn, Mrs. Judy Tam, Mrs. Elsie Lee Soong and Mrs. Bessie Ko.

Mrs. Percy Chen, who is well remembered for the Chinese Sword Dance number presented last year, was very graceful in a classical dance, "The Dying Swan." A ballet number was presented by little Miss Rosita Wu, a pupil of Miss Daisy O'Keefe, and gave an excellent performance.

The "Gay Nineties" number, given by request, proved popular, and loud applause greeted the act by the Misses Doreen Ma, Frances Lee, and Messrs. Herbert Tong, George Chow, Tommy Lee and Teddy Yip.

Other items in the cabaret programme were a tap dance by Mrs. Elsie Lee Soong, and Miss and Master Soong; an excellent exhibition of Indian club swinging by Mr. J. T. K. Gilchrist; and Chinese Music and a short play rendered by Messrs. Yau Hok-chau, Fung Wai-ki, Lo Pak-ha, Wong Loong, and the Misses Yeung Lai-tsun, Cheng Pik-ying and Chan Shuet-ying.

Mr. George Chow acted as Master of Ceremonies.

RACING REVIEW

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(By "Capt. Foster")

post first, with Matador and Gog following the trail.

By virtue of his win in the Macau Handicap (second section) at Areia Preta last Sunday, Rose Day has incurred a penalty of 7 lbs. and even without the additional impost he has no chance of a place.

SUB-GRIFFINS' RACE

Win For King Kong

THE Hongkong Sub.-Griffins Autumn Champions will be a tame affair because there is not a candidate, in my opinion, to touch the mighty King Kong (Mr. Chao), to be followed by Musketeer (Mr. Liang) and Strathbannock (Mr. Black).

Celtic Star has to improve a little more before I can cast her my vote for a place. Marksman is not in his own, while Guinness Time (Mr. Encarnacao) is good for a long shot.

TARDY HANDICAP

Hard Task For Punters

THE first leg of the daily double is on the Tardy Handicap for "B" class China ponies over a mile. With the exclusion of ponies that have won two or more races, the field will not be a mediocre one, and punters will find a hard task to spot the winner. Furthermore, the two sections have been merged into one division, and the distribution of the lead has not left a terrible gap.

Humdrum Eve has been highly thought as the best 'un with the limit burden, and he is considered to be only a pound better than Jennifer and Rob Roy. However, a comparison of the weights of those who ran in the Sussex Handicap (six furlongs), and what they are set to carry in this event will undoubtedly prove interesting:

	Sussex H'cap	Tardy H'cap	Difference
Humdrum Eve (2nd)	152	168	plus 10
Jennifer	161	167	plus 6
New Star	150	156	plus 6
Rob Roy	161	167	plus 6

It will be seen that Humdrum Eve has been set to concede 10 lbs. to the above three ponies all of which are not bad milers. Rob Roy has a bad mouth, and they say the stable jockey does not like pullers.

But let us return to the Annual Carnival when Rob Roy with Mr. Encarnacao in the saddle annexed the Happy Valley Spring Handicap (first section), beating King's Warden (an "A" class pony) by one and a half lengths over a trip from the two mile post, once round and in. It should be borne in mind that the last mile of this particular run was covered in 1.55⅗, and, believe me, that was some going.

In the light of such a wonderful performance, I will not hesitate to nominate Rob Roy, with a proviso that the same rider is to be the pilot.

Mr. Eu Tong-sen has another candidate in Potentate, but, as the pony was always running in the second section, I do not for a moment think that Mr. Encarnacao will give preference to this chestnut. New Star should also be considered, but be careful with Lancashire Lass. It has been reported that Mr. Chao will be the jockey on the mare, and I am positive that he cannot tip the scale at 140 lbs. which is to be regretted.

AUSTRALIANS' EVENT

Best Of The Afternoon

THE best event of the afternoon will be seen in the Queensland Autumn Champions for Australian ponies over 1¼ miles and the first prize is $1,000 to the winner. The following are the probable starters and jockeys:

A Grand Time	Mr. D. Black
A Roaring Time	Mr. V. V. Needa
Baffin Bay	Mr. P. P. Botelho
Chiltern	Mr. C. Encarnacao
Courting Eve	Mr. H. C. Pih
Lancashire Chips	Mr. A. J. Hearne
Tornado Star	Mr. S. W. Pan
Triumphant Day	Mr. S. C. Liang

Lucky Lad, the winner of the Spring Champions, is ineligible owing to the fact that he has not won a race during the extra meetings. It is pretty hard on the owner in view of the fact that the pony was not provided with an open race other than the handicap events. Lucky Lad was placed second in three handicap events; the encumbrance of the avoirdupois robbed him the first position in the frame.

However, my fancy is Lancashire Chips, Baffin Bay and Triumphant Day, and I have a good reason to predict that they will cross the wire in the order I have named.

One would expect to see Mr. Black up on Baffin Bay, but it has been whispered that the change is due to the fact that Mr. L. Dunbar's candidate is a slug, and Mr. "Pinky" Botelho has a liking for a lazy snail. The combination, it will be remembered, was second in the Lanark Handicap, losing to A Grand Time by half-a-length, and the defeat was due to the difference of 25 lbs.

LAST CHANCE H'CAP

Further Difficulties

PUNTERS will find that the second leg of the daily double, which is the Last Chance Handicap for "C" class China ponies over a mile, is not an easy item to spot the winner. Boolat Bay, Dawn Star, Galveston Bay, National Pride, Rose Fiana, Tampa Bay and Taxing Master are the likely ones to be in the limelight.

A close study of last Wednesday's morning gallops would drive one to have his shirt on Galveston Bay, who covered the mile in 2.10⅘, the last six furlongs being done in 1.36⅘. The second best was Dawn Star's performance over the same distance in 2.11⅘, the last half-a-mile was better than Galveston Bay's. Although Tampa Bay took a little longer time to canter the mile, the bay pony has a pull of a stone against Rose Fiana, and it is, therefore, a serious question. I would like to consider a few more points before making my final selections, which will appear to-morrow.

FINALE HANDICAP

Piet Hein Should Win

The Finale Handicap for "D" class China ponies, which closes the racing season, has attracted only a handful of entries, and the run is over the mile course. Piet Hein should score his first win of the season for Hollandia, with Night View and Gold Coin in the rear.

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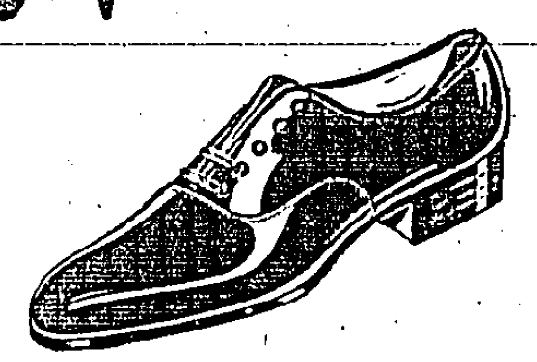

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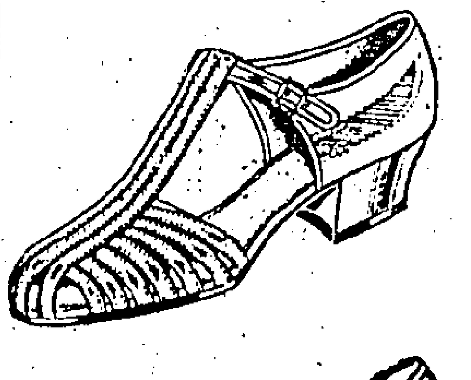

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HUNDREDS DEAD

Vivid Account Of Sinking Of Russian Ship

Tokyo, Dec. 14.

A lurid picture of the disaster which befell the 3,000-ton Soviet steamer Indigirka claiming a toll of several hundred lives, is given in a telephone message from Wakkanai.

The Soviet ship, with over 1,000 passengers, mostly fishermen back from Kamchatka and including 100 women, went aground at a point 800 metres off Kichibetsu at the north-eastern extremity of Hokkaido at 1.20 a.m. on Tuesday and immediately sprang a big hole.

The wireless operator sent S.O.S. messages immediately, but the radio apparatus was soon put out of commission by the water which flooded the vessel.

The skipper of the ship sent 20 members of the crew in two boats towards the shore to call for a rescue, but five out of ten men in one boat were washed overboard by heavy seas, while eight out of ten men in another boat shared similar fate.

Only seven out of 20 men managed to reach the shore, more dead than alive, about 3 a.m. They searched for a house amid the still raging blizzard and found a fisherman's house where they were taken good care of by its family.

Genichiro Kami, the fisherman master of the house, immediately reported to the Police station at Kishibetsu and also rang the alarm bell to call out villagers. The villagers immediately attempted to send rescue boats but their efforts were frustrated by heavy seas.

When morning came, efforts were renewed to send rescue boats but in vain.

The chief of the Wakanai Police who dashed to Kishibetsu, requested the North Japan Steamship Company to send the 1,000-ton Karafuto Maru as a rescue ship to the scene.

The Karafuto Maru reached the scene at 7.30 a.m. on Wednesday. Before it arrived, however, those ashore saw helplessly some of the surviving passengers and crewmen still clinging to the side of the ship washed away by heavy seas.

The captain of the Karafuto Maru said, "I heard that the members of the ship's crew, numbering 36, extricated themselves by making a hole in the side of the ship when she capsized.

"Some 200 passengers failed to extricate themselves and must have been drowned."—*Domei.*

Earlier references to the sinking will be found on the Shipping Page.

WEEKLY TRAFFIC REPORT

During the week ending Saturday, there were in Hongkong 66 traffic accidents as the result of which a man was killed and 27 people were injured. The man killed died from injuries received while alighting from a moving bus.

Of those injured 18 were pedestrians struck by vehicles. A bicycle rider and a tricycle rider were injured as the result of collisions between vehicles.

Three tram passengers and four bus passengers were injured while alighting from moving vehicles.

Of 66 accidents, 23 were collisions between vehicles, 28 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 15 accidents were due to other causes.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"When To-morrow Comes" (Queen's): The Dunne-Boyer team get together romantically in this picture which is a pleasant piece of entertainment. Irene Dunne is a waitress who becomes romantically entangled with Charles Boyer, as an eminent pianist. There is a distressing complication of Boyer having a wife who goes periodically insane.

"I Stole A Million" (Alhambra): Melodrama about the downward progress of a criminal, who first became innocently entangled by the law, and, because he was unwilling to face the consequences, fell into ever increasing difficulties, until he was shot down by the police. With George Raft and Claire Trevor.

"Broadway Musketeers" (Majestic): Pathos, comedy and melodrama are blended into this talkie of three Broadway beauties whose motto, "All for one and one for all," lands them finally on Easy Street. With Margaret Lindsay, Ann Sheridan, Marie Wilson and John Litel.

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FANCY DRESS CHART

showing you how to suit your costume to your type

IF YOU'RE GOING to a fancy dress party within the next fortnight, and you're still minus a costume, spare a thought for your own personality, and don't swamp it with the wrong sort of dress. Decide on your type (the chart below does this for you) and do your best to get the detail right—the sketches will help you here.

Type	Height	Bust	Hips	Waist	Shoulders	Legs	Period
Venus	5ft. 4in.	34in.	35in.	27in.	Rounded	Well made	Early 19th Century
Petite	5ft. 6in.	33in.	34in.	24½in.	Shapely	Slim	Medieval
Boyish	5ft. 6in.	32in.	35in.	24in.	Square	Firm	Hanoverian
Athletic	5ft. 8in.	35in.	38in.	26in.	Square	Firm	Lancastrian
Full figure	5ft. 9in.	36in.	38in.	28in.	Round	Well made	Victorian
Mannequin	5ft. 10in.	34in.	36in.	25in.	Shapely	Slim	Norman

... and sketches to guide you in the history of the matter

1 PERIOD : Early 19th century.
CHARACTERISTICS: Tall frilled bonnet, frilly collar, long tailored gown of intricate design without belt or girdle. Slippers.

WELL SUITED BECAUSE : Dress has shaped shoulders, long "dressing-gown" style gives effect of height ; tall bonnet also gives effect of height.

2 PERIOD : Medieval.
CHARACTERISTICS : Tall steeple hat with hanging veil. Long trailing gown, shaped to body. Girdle and hanging pocket.

WELL SUITED BECAUSE : Accentuates figures, hangs well on shapely shoulders, steeple hat gives effect of height.

3 PERIOD : Hanoverian.
CHARACTERISTICS : Turban-like head-dress, over-gown close fitting from shoulder to waist, low wide-hemmed collar, gown opens from waist downwards to show light underskirt.

WELL SUITED BECAUSE : Bunchy head-dress gives just right effect of height, tight-fitting and off-shoulder top gives slim, interesting effect, wide hips are lost in spread-out skirt, low hem collar gives fulness to bust.

4 PERIOD : Lancastrian.
CHARACTERISTICS : Firmly tailored style in sober cloth with velvet facings. Girdled waist-hanging pocket. Bell-shaped skirt. Ruffle. Short steeple hat of soft material after the style of old-fashioned nightcap.

WELL SUITED BECAUSE : Tailored style accentuates body line. Wide hips lost in spread-out skirt. Ruffle collar suits stately neck.

5 PERIOD : Victorian.
CHARACTERISTICS : Bonnet with bow and flowers. Large firm collar with bow. Puffed sleeves tightened at wrist. Firm waist-belt and crinoline.

WELL SUITED BECAUSE: Full figure carries large collar and puffed sleeves to advantage. Firm waist-line holds in body. Bonnet does not increase height.

6 PERIOD : Norman.
CHARACTERISTICS : Tight long sleeves. Deep half-sleeves over them. Body draped in simple monk-mantle with wide designed headdress held in places with metal head-band. Pointed leather slippers.

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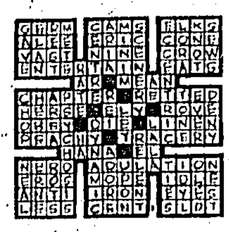
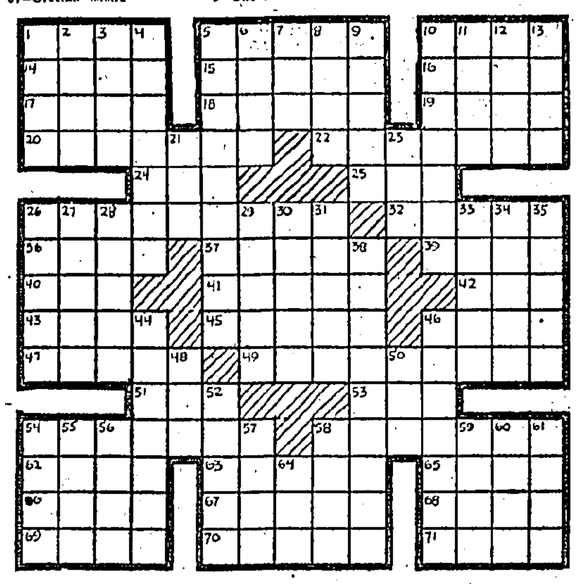
1—Provided with shoes
5—Female horses
10—Roams abroad idly
14—Fonder with close application
15—Suppress
16—Turkish gold coin
17—Imitates
18—Leaf of calyx
19—First man
20—Hate
22—Command
24—Metal deposit
25—Concealed
26—Inflated
32—Inferior animal
36—Lyric poems
37—Fierces with horns
39—Nathan
40—Hawaiian wreath
41—Run away to get married
42—Hasten
43—Real estate
45—Soak in liquid again
46—Body of water
47—Slumber
49—Dregs
51—Turkish cap
53—Hearing organ
54—Nonconformist
58—Makes known
62—Level
63—Luxurious rich man
65—Appendage
66—Curve
67—Grecian island
68—Apparatus for heating small quantity of liquid
69—Roman Cupid
70—Blender stalk
71—Appear

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

1—World War airplane
2—Kennet cheerfully
3—Pertaining to Swedish coin
4—Hard masters
5—One sent on errand
6—To sheltered side
7—Tear up
8—Type of cheese
9—Directive word in Bible
10—Make happy
11—Famous opera
12—Mild expletive
13—Alike
21—Anger
23—Sharpen point of
26—Girl's plaything
27—Ultimate object of attainment
28—River in France
29—Deals out
30—Appearing as if gnawed
31—Railroad station
33—Man's name
34—Caused to suffer keenly
35—Watches over
38—Ninth month
44—Protects from harm
46—Robbers of sea
48—Caress
50—Smooth surface of
52—Covers with bluish-white metal
54—Goddess of youth
55—All time
56—Nevada city
57—Kind of fish
58—Very small bit
59—Distance over time
60—Prong
61—Successful play in bridge
64—Stinging insect



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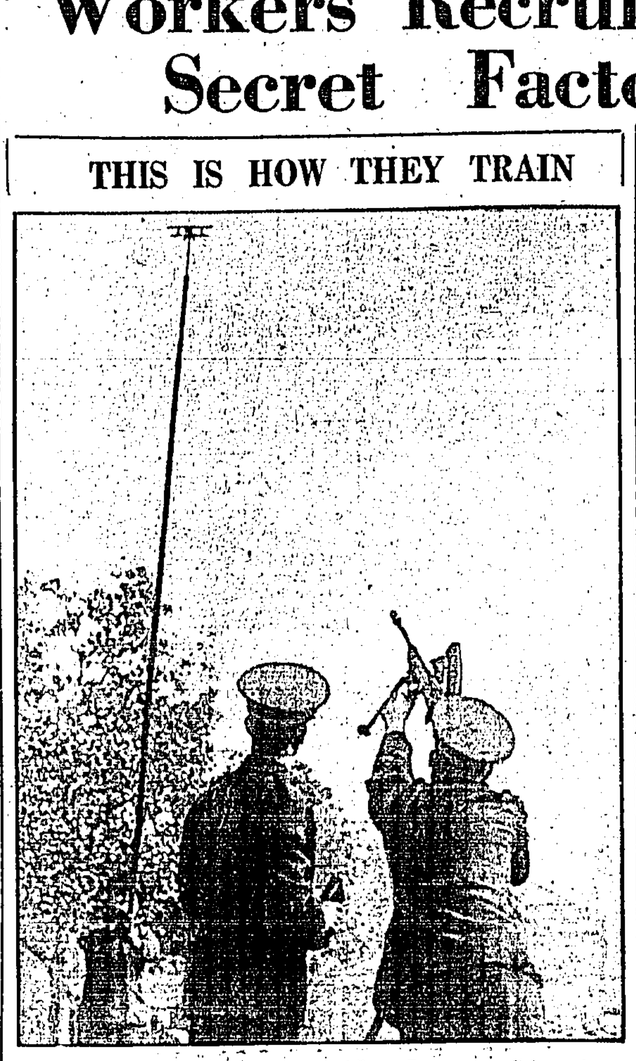

TROOPS, undergoing training with a Bren gun, firing at a moving model designed to give the impression of a plane flying at an average height.

THIRTY THOUSAND women and girls will be recruited for munition work by the Ministry of Labour during the next few days.

This is the first instalment of the 1,000,000 jobs that are to be provided for women on war work, as reported in the "Sunday Chronicle" a fortnight ago.

The localities in which the girls will be employed cannot be revealed.

The Ministry is making arrangements to pay the girls trade union rates of wages, and, where they live away from home, to make some contribution towards the extra living costs that they will incur while living in lodgings.

Welfare Work

They will need varying degrees of experience. Those who have had previous experience on munition work will be specially welcomed.

But others whose previous experience has been limited to factory and mill work where manual dexterity has been a qualification will stand a good chance of being engaged.

The girls will be required to start work, in batches of several thousands at a time, within the next few weeks.

Adequate canteen arrangements are being made so that they can enjoy cooked meals in comfort, and a staff of women social workers is to ensure their welfare.

Transport to and from their work is also being arranged.

SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

'This Grey Life,' Says Goebbels

DR. GOEBBELS, Reich Propaganda Minister, admitted in a speech:—

"The war has brought us numerous fresh sorrows. It is only natural that these sorrows, as they are so new and so heavy, are pressing upon the spirit of our people. Every day life seems to become greyer and more difficult than it used to be."

Dr. Goebbels was addressing a gathering of soldiers, artists, and workers in Berlin. He told them that "spiritual nourishment was particularly necessary in war-time."

"Man does not live by bread alone," he said, adding:

"You are here to proclaim to the world that art is not solely for whiling away time in peace, but is also a sharp spiritual weapon in time of war."

NO CHRISTMAS TOYS

GERMAN children will get no new toys for Christmas this year, it was revealed by the official radio. An order has been issued by the High Command forbidding the use of metal, wood, and textiles in their manufacture.

The Christmas holiday has also been cut by a day.

GERMANY IN DANGER

THE Freedom German radio told its listeners: "You must have realised now that it is a war not of defence but of cynical aggression. If we allow it to go on for years again it would be followed by hunger and want much, worse than in 1918.

"Hitler told you that Germany was in danger. Hitler is right. Germany is in danger indeed, but its name is Hitler, and there is only one way out—a German revolution."

"SOCIALIST WAR"

GERMANY'S war with the Allies is Socialist war against Capitalism, according to the *Volkischer Beobachter*.

This latest war cry of the Nazis is stressed in a proclamation to German workers issued by Dr. Ley, Labour Front leader.

SOVIET DISAPPOINTS

THE German Press admits that the present state of the Soviet merchant fleet is highly unsatisfactory, and cannot be relied upon for the transport of large quantities of goods to the Reich.

Most of the steamers were bought second-hand, it says. Forty-two per cent. are more than 20 years old.

"No" To Duchess' Divorce

BECAUSE the Duke of Leinster no longer lives in Scotland the Duchess cannot apply in that country for a divorce.

Four Judges at Edinburgh have refused the Duchess' appeal against a decision by Lord Keith that he had no jurisdiction to hear her undefended action.

There was held to be evidence that the Duke intended to live in Eire.

It was mentioned that in Eire there was no right to divorce for misconduct.

"Black-faced Sheep"

The Duke, in his evidence, had stated, "If I had been alone I would never have gone anywhere but Scotland. My departures from Scotland have been to suit my wife. She said she couldn't live with black-faced sheep and lochs."

Mr. L. Hill Watson, K.C., for the Duchess, recalled the previous day that the Duke was declared a domiciled Scotsman in 1930, when he brought a successful divorce action against his first wife.

Acting on that declaration, the present Duchess married him.

The Lord President, giving judgment, said that between 1933 and 1937 the Duke did not live in Scotland.

In 1936 he had no house there, but spent some time in Scotland in a caravan.

OVERSEAS RECRUITS

London Ready To Welcome Them

In view of the arrival in England in the near future of Naval, Army, and Air Force contingents from oversea and of individual men and women offering their services, the Joint Empire Societies have, set up a war hospitality committee, under the chairmanship of Field-Marshal Lord Milne, to provide for their reception.

In the immediate future the committee proposes to establish one or more hostels in London and to make similar provision in important training centres in districts, which will be indicated by the Government Departments concerned, where concentrations of men from oversea are to be expected.

In addition the committee proposes to organise the private hospitality which some of the societies have carried on in times of peace.

For this purpose offers are needed from hosts who would be prepared to entertain either officers or men or women for periods of leave or convalescence.

A central register of information is being organised for use in answering inquiries; and it is hoped to instal it (as in 1914-18) in a central position in London.

It will provide information on hotels, clubs, restaurants, entertainments, places of interest, and many other questions on which help will be welcome. It is also planned to publish a handbook for distribution to officers and men, if possible before they leave their home country, so that they may have the essential addresses for ready reference.

Substantial funds will be needed to carry out the committee's programme, and the Empire societies for generous contributions.

The headquarters of the committee are at the Royal Empire Society, and all donations and communications should be sent to the secretary. The Empire Societies' War Hospitality Committee, care of The Royal Empire Society, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2.

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SAIGON CONFERENCE
Japanese Operations In Kwangsi Discussed

Shanghai, Dec. 14.

Japanese reports state that an Anglo-French conference is being held in Saigon Indo-China, concerning the Japanese operations in southwest Kwangtung and Kwangsi, protection of Anglo-French shipping in the Far East and steps to cope with possible German raiders in the Pacific.

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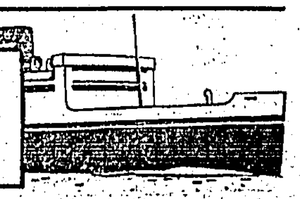

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Big Gathering At Lecture At Hongkong Hotel

Many gathered at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday to hear Mr. Colin R. Eddison speak on "The Science of Christ-Healing."

Mr. Eddison, who is a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, gave instances of the miracles worked in the lives of various people by Christian Science and declared that the Bible held all the great truths of life.

Mrs. R. D. Smith, presiding, said in her own experience she had many proofs of the healing power of Christian Science.

The following is a summary of Mr. Eddison's address:

Christian Scientists turn naturally to the Bible to learn about God, for no body of people holds the Bible in greater reverence. It was in the Bible that Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, discerned the truths she afterwards set out in the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," and her followers find that the Bible grows more and more important to them in their daily lives as they study its pages in the light thrown upon them by Christian Science.

As a result of her deep and persistent study of the Scriptures and of her spiritual inspiration Mrs. Eddy was able to answer the question "What is God?" in the Christian Science textbook as follows: "God is incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love" (Science and Health, p. 465). This, then, is the God whom Christian Science enables us to know and understand, and to find "forever near," because, being infinite, He is ever present.

The way in which Christian Science enables us to know God is by helping us to understand more intelligently the life and work of Christ Jesus.

"Christ" and "Jesus"

Christian Science explains that there is a distinction between "Jesus" and "Christ": the term "Christ" is not merely a synonym for "Jesus." The human Jesus was the best and greatest man that ever lived. His example remains forever as the standard for Christian living. He is the Way-shower, in whose footsteps Christian Scientists endeavour humbly to follow. It is impossible to exaggerate the debt which the world owes to the Founder of Christianity. He went about doing good—he healed the sick, fed the hungry, raised the dead.

What was it that enabled him to do all this? Christian Science teaches that it was the Christ, Truth, which Jesus understood in fullest measure. Jesus, as Mrs. Eddy has pointed out, is a human name which the Master shared with others of his race; Christ, on the other hand, is a divine title which refers to the spirituality expressed throughout his life and teaching. In Science and Health (p. 583) may be found this definition of Christ: "The divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error."

Our Master said, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh [that is, matter] profiteth nothing." When he healed a woman who is described as having been bowed together for eighteen years, he said that Satan, the devil, had bound her—and elsewhere he said of the devil, or evil, that "he was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him." That which has no truth in it cannot be real. Christian Science therefore teaches that evil and all its manifestations are untrue, unreal; and the destruction by Christ Jesus of sin, disease, death—all manifestations of evil—confirms that conclusion.

Human Understanding

We read in the book of Revelation, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." The Christ, Truth, is knocking to-day at the portal of human hearts and minds in the teachings of Christian Science.

A study of the Bible in the light of Mrs. Eddy's works brings Christ to the human understanding; it teaches us that God is Spirit, Mind, Life, Truth, and Love; it shows us man reflecting the perfection of his creator. Thus our concept of ourselves and of our fellow man is spiritualized and purified through repentance, or change of thought, and through prayer. In this way, and by these means, Christian Science offers to all mankind health of mind and health of body, peace, freedom, strength, happiness—salvation. In the words of our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, in her "Miscellaneous Writings" (p. 154): "Abide in His [God's] word, and it shall abide in you; and the healing Christ will again be made manifest in the flesh—understood and glorified."

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PEIPING APATHY

"Puppets'" Anniversary Celebrations Flop

PEIPING, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Despite intense propaganda, the granting of a public holiday, decoration of streets and organised public meetings, the second anniversary of the installation of the Peiping Provisional Government has apparently failed to elicit any enthusiasm from the Chinese public.

Celebrations coincided with the arrival of the Nanking delegates to attend the "United Council" meeting to discuss the position of North China in the proposed new Central Government, but owing to the absence of Wang Ching-wei, it is considered of little political importance.

Mr. Kato, the Japanese Ambassador-at-large in China, stated in an interview that his visit was merely a route inspection and emphasised that the present situation involving the restriction of foreign interest would be changed after the conclusion of peace.

BRITAIN STILL PROTESTING

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, the Prime Minister said that the British Ambassador in Tokyo on October 10 made strong representations to the Japanese Government regarding the non-payment of interest due to the British shareholders of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway.

He would continue to press the matter when the opportunity offered.

Answers To Correspondents

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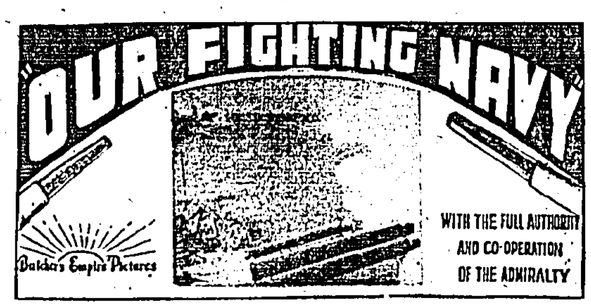

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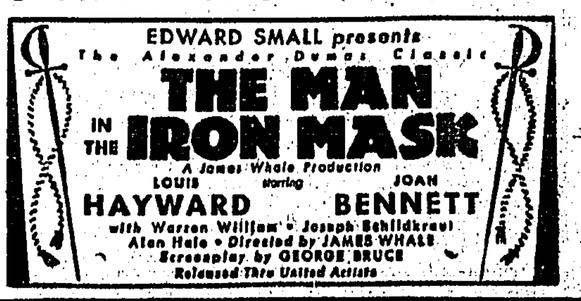

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British Warships Take Up "Death Watch"

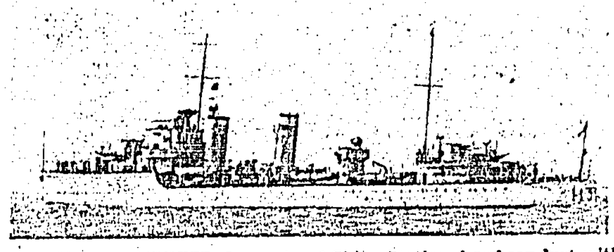
GRAF SPEE DOOMED TO DESTRUCTION?

"Heavy Reinforcements" Arrive at Montevideo

Lost in Convoy Mishap

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 15(UP).—It is reliably learned that H.M.S. Cumberland, a temporary pre-war flagship of the China Station, has arrived in Uruguayan waters to reinforce the death watch on the Nazi cruiser Admiral Graf Spee.



H.M.S. DUCHESS, formerly of China Station, has been lost with all but eighteen of her crew in a collision with another ship, presumably whilst on convoy duty. The only surviving officer is Probationary Lieut. J. R. Pritchard, R.N.V.R. Photograph is of one of the ships of the Duchess class.

The Cumberland is a 10,000-ton cruiser armed with eight 8-inch guns.

It is also reliably learned that a German Note to the Uruguayan Foreign Office has requested permission for the landing of an armed force from the Graf Spee to bury the thirty people killed in the naval action with the British warships.

Sources close to the German Legation express the opinion that the raider will leave the River Plate "within a week." The ship was not hit below the water-line and her machinery is undamaged (Under International Law she cannot remain in port over 24 hours without internment unless she is so far damaged that she cannot put to sea with safety).

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British Cruisers Out of Sight

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 14 (Domei).—The German pocket-battleship is expected to leave port within 24 hours.

The British cruisers, Achilles and Ajax, which approached the port in pursuit of the German ship yesterday, could not be sighted outside the harbour early this morning.

It is believed that the British warships are waiting to way lay the German pocket-battleship as she clears Uruguayan territorial waters.

The cruiser Exeter which was damaged during yesterday's engagement, appeared within 15 miles of the port of Montevideo soon after daybreak to-day. It is believed that the ship will enter port for repairs.

The captain of the Graf Spee up to 8 o'clock this morning has not applied for permission to prolong its stay in the port.

Under International Law, the raider will be obliged to clear port within 24 hours of its arrival, that is, by midnight to-night.

Death Watch Starts

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 14, (UP).—H.M.S. Achilles has started a death watch on the damaged German battleship Admiral Graf Spee.

The British Navy is determined not to permit the Nazi raider to escape to resume her raids on Allied commerce on the high sea.

The British crew are still closed up at their battle stations with gun

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VICTORY HAILED

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Newspapers here describe the Graf Spee fight in streamer headlines as the first big naval battle of the war and proclaim it a British victory.

It is believed here that the Graf Spee will be interned in Uruguay for the duration of the war.

It is reported in messages from Montevideo that the captain of the German ship has asked the German minister in Uruguay to negotiate with the Uruguayan Government for the battleship's immediate internment for the duration, on the grounds that it will be impossible for her to make the necessary repairs within the 24 hours that she is allowed to remain in harbour, and that even if the repairs are possible, the vessel could not go to sea again without encountering British warships.

U.S. LABOUR BACKS THE ALLIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. William Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, said to-day that the people of the United States wish to resort to all possible means, short of war, to prevent the triumph of Nazism and aggression in Finland, Poland, Austria and the Balkans.

He expressed sympathy for the Allies and said that the British Navy is now making effective economic war against Germany.

"May God help them and make it completely successful," said Mr. Green, who was addressing an anti-Nazi rally in Madison Square Garden.

Other speakers included Governor Lehman and former President Herbert Hoover.

81 KILLED IN RUMANIAN OIL EXPLOSION

BUCHAREST, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Heavy loss of life is reported as the result of an explosion in a chlorine factory in Transylvania.

Tanks of chlorine gas blew up during the night.

So far the bodies of 81 factory workers have been recovered.

Others were injured or gassed.

Escaped chlorine gas has badly hampered the rescue work.

BRITAIN AND THE BREMEN

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The "Yorkshire Post" points out in an editorial that there is the clearest answer both to the sneers of the enemy and the surprised protests of friends regarding the forbearance of the British submarine which refrained from torpedoing the Bremen.

If the example of Nazi commerce raiders were followed, Britain would have lost something much more important than a valuable naval prize; she would have betrayed the very cause for which we were fighting.

"We shall not defeat Nazilism by descending to Nazi method of warfare," says this journal.

Nazis Thunderstruck

The Bremen is too valuable and vulnerable to be used as an armed raider or a supply ship.

In its summary, the "Yorkshire Post" ends by saying that the Germans are so taken aback by the British observation of international law that they are unable to give consistent accounts of the circumstances.

Thus "Trans-ocean" reports that the submarine disappeared without attempting to attack, while a Zeesen broadcast to France asserts: "The truth is that the British submarine did fire a torpedo, but as it was not a German torpedo, it missed the target."

German Admission

BERLIN, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—A German communique admits that a British submarine attacked a German cruiser in the North Sea but conceals the loss of the U-boat.

Death For Two Murderers

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—James Richards (29) and Peter Barnes (32) were found guilty of murder to-day on the Coventry explosives charge and were sentenced to death.

Joseph Hewitt (31) and the two women, Mary Hewitt (22) and Brigid O'Hara (49), were found not guilty, but are remaining in custody pending further charges.

It was alleged that they murdered four men and a woman who were killed in a bomb explosion in Coventry on August 25.

REDS ENTER VITAL CITY

"Scorched Earth" In Finland

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KIRKENAESS, Dec. 14 (UP).—The Russians have begun entry into Salmijaervi.

The Finns have retreated to within 1½ miles of the Norwegian border.

It is reported that Salmijaervi is entirely in flames. The retreating Finns set fire to the villages of Toellevi, Kivolatta and Kolvisjoki, the flames being plainly visible from the border.

Explosions have been audible throughout the day from heavy artillery and Russian bombers. As yet, there are no reports of Finnish soldiers crossing the Norwegian border, despite the fierce Soviet drive.

The Finns are falling back on their main defence positions east of the village of Skogfoss on the Norwegian border, where they have new prepared lines.

Activity slowed down as the Arctic night blacked out the region, which was lighted only by the flames of the burning villages.

At Svanvik the villagers are calmly watching the battle in front of their doorstep.

Norwegian border troops have been strengthened.

The rapidity of the Russian advance was largely due to their light armoured cross-country cars and Whippet tanks which are able to skim over the surface of the snow, and which encircled the Finns in small pockets, threatening to cut off their flanks.

Salla Regained

From Stockholm, the "Afton Bladet's" correspondent at Torneaa

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LATEST

EXETER'S LOSSES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PUERTO BELGRANO, Argentina, Dec. 14 (UP).—H.M.S. Exeter, which was crippled in the fight with the Admiral Graf Spee yesterday, is arriving here to-morrow with her dead and wounded.

The authorities have been requested to provide one hundred beds for the wounded.

The number of dead is not stated. Because of the time involved, some may have to be buried at sea.

A dramatic effort was made by Exeter to save the lives of three men who were seriously wounded.

One of the Exeter's two seaplanes arrived here this afternoon with three critically wounded men as passengers. They were immediately rushed to hospital for operations.

Two of the men have since died.

The Exeter will go into dry-dock as soon as she arrives.

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Luxembourg Goes To Work While Her Neighbours Go To Fight

Remarkable War Zone Scenes Described

By Ralph Heinzen

UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Dec. 14 (UP).—The busiest corner in Europe is the tight spot where Luxembourg lies in a wide no-man's land between the French and German armies.

On both sides and in between the lines, smoke pours from factory stacks as the Lorraine, Ruhr and Luxembourg iron and steel mills work night and day, despite the massed presence of rival armies.

Since the start of the war, not one hour of work has been lost in the small region where more than half of Europe's steel is made. Here is the chief source of munitions, guns and tanks with which the rival armies are stocking.

Wading through deep red mud under the downpours of rain day after day, I covered the entire France-Luxembourg border during an inspection of the French frontier defences.

No Luxembourg Defences

Nowhere did I see a single Luxembourg defence position or a soldier across the frontier, nor were there any indications that the citizens of the tiny Duchy will try to defend themselves and the integrity of their State if the German armies should repeat the 1914 invasion.

But everywhere I saw signs of intense activity on both sides of the frontier, where iron and steel production has been kept up to the maximum schedule.

The largest of the mills are within rifle shot of the French frontier defences outside Luxembourg and the steel town of Esch, which out-Pittsburgh's even Pittsburgh for soot.

The drizzling rain holds soot and smoke in a thick fog over the whole Alzette Valley as the Rossomor plants turn out high-grade armour-plate steel from ore, which at this point is merely scraped from the surface of a great circular open pit by steam shovels.

Ore In Abundance

Coal reaches the Alzette Valley mills from the Saar, and there is still a century's supply of ore within a few hundred yards of the blast furnaces. It is to be had for the work of scooping it up.

On the French side of the border lies the famous Briey iron basin and the Longwy steel zone where Lorraine ore and Belgian coal produce 50 per cent. of France's total steel production.

At the start of the world war in 1914, more than half the Briey iron mines lay inside the German

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R.A.F. OVER NORTH SEA

Big Battle Over Heligoland

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that throughout the last 24 hours considerable forces of the R.A.F. have been operating over the North Sea.

Their operations have included a wide search for enemy surface craft, submarines and a close reconnaissance of the estuaries and fortified islands in north-west Germany.

One formation of our aircraft engaged a strong enemy formation at Heligoland.

In the course of intense fighting, four Messerschmidt fighters and three R.A.F. aircraft were shot down.

All our other formations returned without loss.

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FURTHER DETAILS OF FIGHT

Retreat That Became Flight

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Further details which have now become available regarding the South Atlantic naval battle show that the Exeter was patrolling the South Atlantic early yesterday when she contacted the German warship in a latitude south of Brazil.

A running fight ensued, during which the Achilles and the Ajax arrived.

The two latter vessels gradually forced the Graf Spee southward and westward.

Retreat Becomes Rout

The British cruisers used smoke-screens and made lightning thrusts with such skill and daring that the Graf Spee was eventually forced to retreat to neutral waters.

When 12 miles off Punta de Leste and in full view of the shore, the Graf Spee converted her retreat into open flight.

The battleship, with her main control searchlights damaged, evidently feared a night attack by the British cruisers and made direct for Montevideo where she anchored inside the harbour at 11.15 p.m.

It is thought here that the Graf Spee will hardly dare to leave Montevideo, and consequently she will be out of action for the duration of the war.

Brilliant Action

In view of the fact that the British cruisers had only six 8-inch guns against the 11.2-inch weapons of the German battleship, this 15-hour action is regarded here as one of the most daring and brilliant in the history of the British Navy.

Officers Dispirited

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Without food, confusion aboard and her decks a shambles of dead and wounded, the Graf Spee crept into Montevideo Harbour last night like a wounded animal worried by terriers.

Uruguayan officials stated that her officers were thoroughly dispirited when they reached port.

Members of the British Legation returning from a visit to the British cruisers, which are also anchored in Montevideo, assert that their crews are intact and that they have suffered no casualties.

Nelson's Signal Used

Press reports state that Commodore Harwood, before the action, made Nelson's famous signal, "England Expects Every Man to Do His Duty," from the cruiser Ajax.

Press representatives who made a launch trip around the Graf Spee reported the vessel's state as "shock-

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NAZI HAD WEIGHT

"Taffrail" Sums Up The Battle

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—A talk on the battle between the three British cruisers and the Admiral Graf Spee was given from Daventry to-day by Commander Taprell-Doring, better known to his many readers as "Taffrail."

The Exeter, he said, was a vessel of 8,400 tons, carrying six eight-inch guns, while the Ajax and the Achilles were sister-ships of about 7,000 tons each, and carried eight six-inch guns.

All three had a speed of about 32 knots.

The Achilles actually was one of the two cruisers in the New Zealand Squadron (the other being the Leander, the flagship), and "Taffrail" said that as she was chiefly manned, by New Zealanders, congratulations were due to New Zealand for the part she had played in the first real naval engagement of this war.

Not So One-Sided

Unlike the Rawalpindi-Deutschland battle, this was not so one-sided.

Although the Graf Spee was six knots slower than the British ships, she carried six 11-inch guns, firing shells of 716 pounds each with a range limited only by visibility and distance.

The Exeter's shells, although of the same range, were only 256 pounds each, while the man-handled six-inch shells of the Ajax and Achilles had a weight of only 100 pounds each.

A broadside from the Graf Spee, therefore, would weigh about 4,708 pounds, while a broadside from the combined British ships would only weigh 3,136 pounds.

None of the four ships was heavily armoured and a single shell from the

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CHINA RE-ELECTED TO COUNCIL OF LEAGUE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GENEVA, Dec. 14 (UP).—The League Council to-day unanimously voted for the expulsion of Soviet Russia from the League of Nations.

The Assembly terminated the entire session at 4 p.m. following the election of Egypt and China as non-permanent members of the Council.

In the voting for the expulsion of Russia from the League of Nations, the abstentioners were China, Finland, Greece and Yugo-Slavia.

Council members voting for expulsion included Britain, France, Belgium, South Africa, Bolivia, Iran, the Dominican Republic, and Egypt.

The Finnish delegate, M. Holsti, said he abstained from voting in order not to further complicate the

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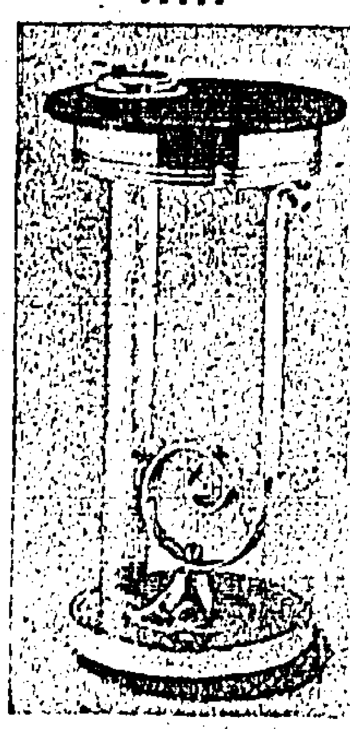

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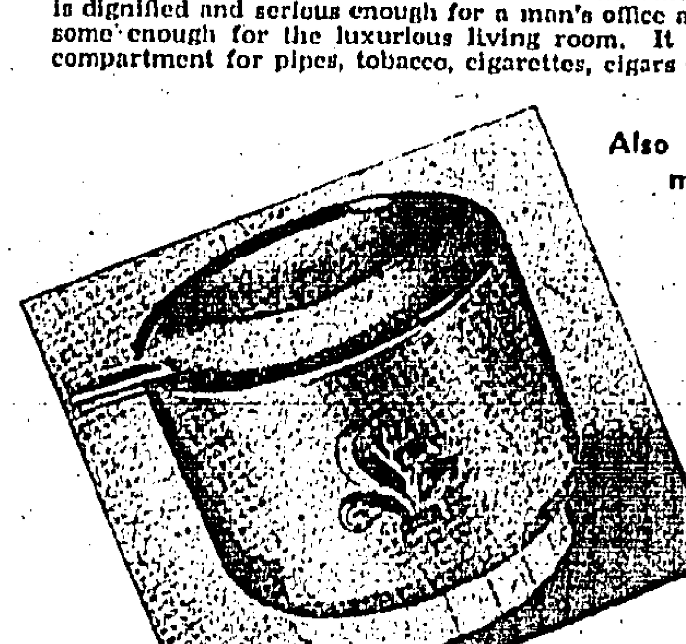

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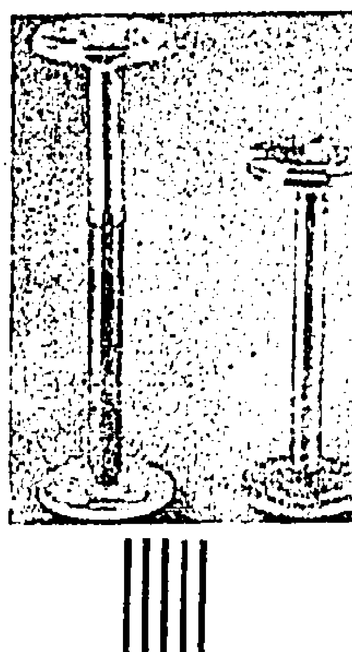

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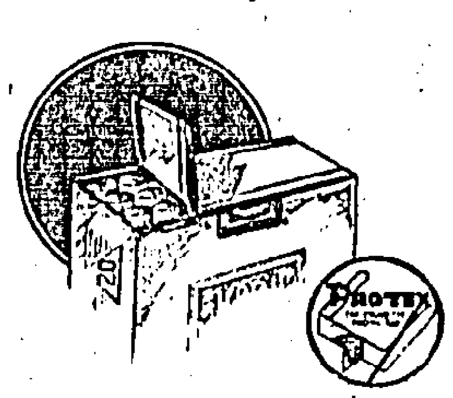

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Billy Cotton and His Band.—Everybody Kiss Your Partner, You Started Me Dreaming, The Glory of Love, Got To Dance My Way To Heaven, I Nearly Let Love Go Slipping Through My Fingers.

12.16 Piano Duets by Rawicz and Landauer.—"The Street Singer," Valse Des Fleurs (from 'Casse Noisette Suite'), Sleeping Beauty Waltz.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Louis Levy and His Gaumont-British Symphony.—"Firefly" Selection, The Eyes of the World Are On You, My, What A Diff'rent Night, Everybody Dance, Turning The Town Upside Down, Taking A Stroll Around The Park, "The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle" Selection.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Beethoven—Symphony No. 1 In C Major, Op. 21. B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 p.m. Tartini, Sonata for Violin and Piano ("Devil's Trill"). Yehudi Menuhin.

6.15 Bach—Suite No. 4 In D Major. Adolf Busch Chamber Players.

6.40 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.42 Songs by Beniamino Gigli (Tenor). Forbidden Music, The Stars Were Shining, Woman Is Fickle.

6.51 Albert Sandler and His Orchestra with Jessica Dragonette (Vocal).—The Lost Chord, Sanctuary of the Heart, Will You Love Me, Love's Joy, Back Eyes, Souvenir D'Ukraine, Grinzing, Remembrance, Alice Blue Gown, Through The Doorway of Dreams, You Are My Heart's Delight, Patiently Smiling.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Light Orchestral.—In The Sudan, Babylonian Nights, "The Waltz Dream" Selection, A Frangesal, Parade Of The Imps.

8.23 Benno Moiseiwitsch at the Piano. Mouvements Perpetuels (Poulenc); Etude (Stravinsky) Flirtations In A Chinese Garden (Chasins).

8.30 Studio—Dr. T. Z. Koo of The World's Student Christian Federation, Geneva, in "Folk Songs of Cathay." Illustrated by Flute.

8.50 Orchestral Interlude. Suite Orientale (Popy), Marek Weber and His Orchestra, La Folletta (Marchesi), Melodious Intermezzo (Kotscher), Erich Olschewski and His Orchestra.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."

9.45 Walton—Facade Suite. London Philharmonic Orchestra.

10.00 Studio—"The Beauty of England"—3: The Third of a Series of Talks by The Very Rev. The Dean of Hongkong.

10.30 London Relay—"The Lying Jade." A topical programme dealing with the act of spreading rumours in wartime. Arranged by Stephan Potter.

11.00 Close Down.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The market was fairly active and prices show signs of hardening.

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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 14, 1889.

BIRTH.—On December 13th, at "Idlewild," the wife of W. R. Loxley, of a daughter.

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Among the songs which have had a great influence and widespread popularity, is the hymn "There is a Happy Land, Far, Far Away." The author, like so many other writers of famous songs, never received a penny for his work and scant credit. He is still living at the age of 80 and his name is Andrew Young.

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According to a computation just issued by an eminent statistician, the cost in human life of the wars of the last thirty-four years has been 2,253,000 souls. The Crimean war cost 750,000 men; the Italian war (1859) 45,000; the Danish war (1864) 3,000; the American civil war—the Northern states 280,000; the Southern states 520,000; the Austro-Prussian war 45,000; the Franco-German war—France 155,000, Germany 60,000; the South African wars 30,000; the Afghan war 25,000; the Mexican and Cochin-Chinese expeditions 65,000; and the Bulgaro-Servian insurrection 25,000.

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The largest gathering of Freemasons that this colony—or the Far East—has yet known, assembled at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday night to do honour to the annual installation meeting of Lodge St. John, No. 618 S.C. There were about one hundred and thirty brethren present, and on the dais were twenty-three Past Masters. The ceremony was conducted by R. W. Bro. the Hon. C. P. Chater, District Grand Master of Hongkong and South China, who was assisted by a powerful contingent of the Grand Lodge Officers.

After the official business, the Lodge entertained the members and visitors to a sumptuous banquet, when a most enjoyable evening was spent, the clock pointing to three o'clock before "Auld Lang Syne" indicated that even the best of friends must part.

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A meeting of the Legislative Council was held at noon to-day. The first business was a motion by Mr. MacEwen, that the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the question of official salaries be laid on the table.

Mr. MacEwen said that undoubtedly a very great hardship had existed lately among European officials in the Colony owing to the great depreciation in the value of the dollar, and the high cost of living caused thereby. It was conditional in the Service that certain salaries were attached to certain posts—that was to say if a Governor came here he expected to govern a first-class Colony, at a salary of £5,000, and so on down to a policeman, who expected to receive a salary of £100, or its equivalent.

Anything in the shape of an application to the Imperial authorities for increase of salaries was like a red rag to a bull, but here salaries were not stated in sterling, but in dollars, and the home authorities calculated the equivalent of the dollar at 4s. 2d., so that when an officer went to the Colonial Office to obtain or accept an appointment in this Colony he was told that the pay was so many thousand dollars per annum, always calculating the rate of exchange at 4s. 2d.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 14, 1914.

A message from Rome states that the Foreign Minister, speaking in the Chamber, said that Italy had insisted on exemplary reparation for the Hodeidah incident, but the Ottoman Government had replied that communication between Constantinople and Hodeidah was interrupted. (Loud murmurs). He had telegraphed again demanding immediate reparation (Loud cheers). A number of Deputies, amid cheers, strongly insisted that Italy's honour and dignity should be upheld.

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The Japanese Minister of Marine has telegraphed to Mr. Winston Churchill heartfelt congratulations on the splendid British victory near the Falkland Islands. Mr. Churchill replied that the success was largely owing to the powerful and untiring assistance of the Japanese Fleet. The expulsion of the Germans from the East was complete. Their return would be extremely difficult and hazardous. Commerce was now free from Mozambique to South America.

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The readers of "Les Annales" took a vote on a new name for Eau de Cologne and decided on Eau de Louvain.

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 14, 1929.

All serious danger to Canton has been removed by the crushing defeat of the Ironsides. Latest information shows the rebel forces to be in full retreat with the Cantonese troops following them up.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 14, 1934.

It is one of the most regrettable tendencies of the times that there should be a constant harping on the theme of a possible war in the near future. Both in the West and in the East is this trend to be discerned in print and in speech. Happily, there are also individuals and organisations working strenuously in the cause of peace, but their efforts are from time to time overshadowed by war propagandists, some of whom are to be found in high places, whose utterances naturally attract much attention.

COURT MOURNING

The King having commanded Court mourning for two weeks for Princess Louise, the Governor was unable to be present at the performance of "No! No! Nanette" by the Philharmonic Society last night.

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Deaf Mutes Making 3.7 A. A. Shells

ON THE HOME FRONT.

SIX deaf and dumb men are working a special department in a munitions factory in England making 3.7 anti-aircraft shells at the rate of a million a year.

A short time ago they were working as cobblers, carpenters, and glass-blowers.

They were sent to the factory from a deaf and dumb school because they can stand the noise—like the beating of heavy sea breakers and steam hooters—better than the ordinary worker.

Their job is in the shot-blasting department, where fine steel shot is blown into the shell cases by compressed air and whirled round at a pressure of 80lbs. to the square inch.

These deaf and dumb men take it in turns to work, dressed in a kind of diver's uniform and helmet, in a large steel tank.

I peered through a small mica window and saw them working, says a Homeside reporter. As they received the shells into the tank from a man outside they talked by deaf and dumb signs.

"Men were falling ill with the noise, so we solved the problem by giving these men the job," an official said.

Shot blasting process in shell making is something new. It is done to make a smooth surface inside the shell, before it is filled with high explosive, and the men are paid £3 10s. a week.

NAZIS GOT HER IN THE END

Bride Fled—To Be Drowned

WHEN Hitler marched into Austria Herr Warenreich, a Viennese lawyer, and his fiancee fled.

They were Jews.

Their wedding arrangements had to be abandoned.

Herr Warenreich sought refuge in Switzerland.

His fiancee came to England and found employment at Blackburn as a maid.

Herr Warenreich stayed at Zurich for five months before coming to Blackburn for the wedding on January 26.

Two days later he and his bride parted—never to see each other again.

The man left for America, where he hoped to find employment.

Frau Warenreich left to join her husband by the Athenia, two days before the outbreak of war.

After the vessel had been torpedoed she was posted missing.

For a time her husband clung to a slender hope that she had been picked up by a Canadian ship.

Now that hope has been abandoned by the announcement of the full casualty list.

Ex-Kaiser Gets His Ration Card

AMSTERDAM. — The ex-Kaiser, who is showing a keen interest in the course of the war, has now received his ration card for sugar.

A powerful wireless set has been installed at Doorn, and the ex-Kaiser listens-in regularly to the news bulletins from Dutch, British and German stations. If he is unable to hear a bulletin for himself, some member of the family must note the main items.

The ex-Kaiser reads all the war bulletins and indicates by small flags on a big wall map the positions of the different armies.

In the garden of the castle a shelter big enough for all members of the household has been constructed.

Twenty-two of the ex-Kaiser's grandsons are serving in the German Army.

H. R. Knickerbocker Sends Vivid War Despatch

ONE POILU ROUTS FORTY GERMANS

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY

YOUNG French soldiers on the Western Front stood around the bodies of two German infantry-men to-day and gazed at them, said a "Daily Express" Special Correspondent. I watched the Frenchmen. "Poor fellow," one said. They all nodded.

Suddenly one man exclaimed: "Hitler did that." All agreed: "That's true."

Our visit—the first by foreign war correspondents to the Western Front—took us into the Maginot Line; it took us into the front line within four hundred yards of the German troops; it gave us "ringside seats" in an artillery duel, and made us witnesses of an argument of shells screaming over our heads.

It brought us into Germany, where the French have penetrated as far as the outskirts of the Siegfried Line.

The two Germans were motor-cycle scouts, killed this morning as they were making a reconnaissance in the Warndt Forest.

Both were about twenty. Both were clad in the field grey of the old German Army, like their fathers twenty years ago. Their belts and buckles bore the slogan: "Gott mit uns" ("God is with us").

Feeble Reply

We also stood to-day beside a tiny group of French graves in a cemetery beside the Maginot Line. And we thought that no peace offensive can succeed now because the war has gained too much momentum.

The first sight of the Maginot Line convinced both layman and expert that it could never be broken by any military power.

We watched a French artillery offensive from an advance post where we could see shells landing on a crest called Klareichen, from which the Germans were shooting at the village of Bisten—just captured by the French.

The first salvo startled a farm dog into panic-stricken flight across the fields.

Soon all along our sector the French guns were roaring. The Germans replied, but feebly. Two of their shells burst in the road just after we left. Then we came to the German frontier post at Gemeinde Lauterbach. It was strange to go past a German Custom house without showing a passport and without a German visa.

It stood empty and wrecked from inside by a German mine which had been intended to kill Frenchmen when they opened the door.

With some French officers we walked along a road marked "Verbotener Weg" (forbidden road) and picked up fragments of German copy books with expense accounts for the troops written in Gothic script.

At this section of the front in the Warndt Forest the French penetrated deepest. This was illustrated when our car stopped and French soldiers told us of a feat of arms performed the previous day by one of their comrades:—

"One of our boys, Private Thomeret, was carrying a container of coffee. He had a sub-machine gun over his shoulder, but never dreamed of meeting any Germans because he was at the edge of his own camp.

'Great Activity'

"Suddenly he saw twenty yards away a file of about forty men. He was about to hail them when he saw they were Germans. At the same moment the Germans saw him.

"While he was reaching for his gun they knocked down our boy and wounded him in four places. Never mind. Thomeret fell on his stomach and got his machine gun working.

"He killed three Germans and the other thirty-seven ran. That is what has happened. One Frenchman against forty Germans."

Doctor Buried Doll As Child

THE story of a Leicester doctor burying a still-born child and a doll in place of another child, whose body he preserved in formalin, was told at a Leicester inquest recently.

The inquest was the sequel to the finding of the remains of three women and three children in a zinc bath at a bungalow at Syston, five miles from Leicester.

Took Body Away

In the bath was the body of a child, Trevor Albert Deverick, on whom the inquest was held.

Albert Sidney Deverick, the father, a milk roundsman, of Melrose-street, Leicester, said the child was born on March 10, 1938, and died 14 days later.

Later the doctor came and took the body, along with the order for burial.

No post-mortem examination had been made before the child was taken away.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury, Home Office pathologist, said the remains had all been preserved in formalin. Death appeared to be natural and due to congenital disease of the heart.

Sentiment

Dr. Theo Zebulun Lovell, of Catherine-street Extension, said he had a coffin sent to the house, and while the undertaker was waiting, he put into it a still-born child and a doll—"for sentimental reasons."

SHANGHAI RUMOURS

Shanghai, Dec. 14.

Prominent banking circles to-day ridiculed reports circulated by the *Central China Daily News* that Shanghai bankers had decided to issue goldnotes for the purchase of foreign exchange. They pointed out that in view of the Chinese currency policy such a measure would serve no useful purpose. They added that Chinese dollars can be readily converted into foreign exchange and that the reports were entirely unfounded, probably being a new version of the rumour circulated by the Japanese last summer that all Chinese banknotes would be recalled and substituted by two different types of notes for domestic and foreign exchange.—*United Press.*

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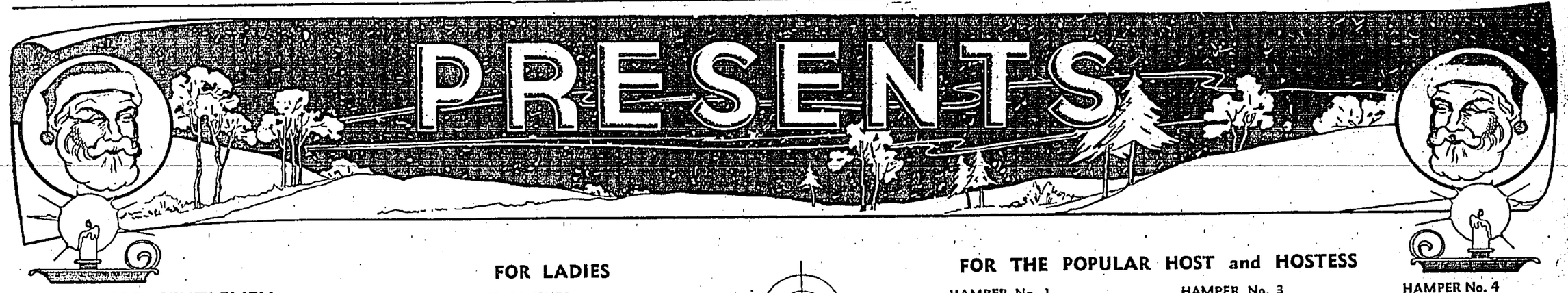

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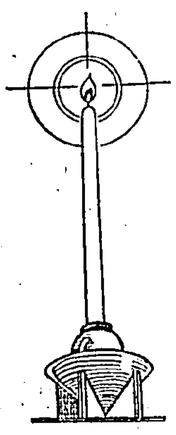

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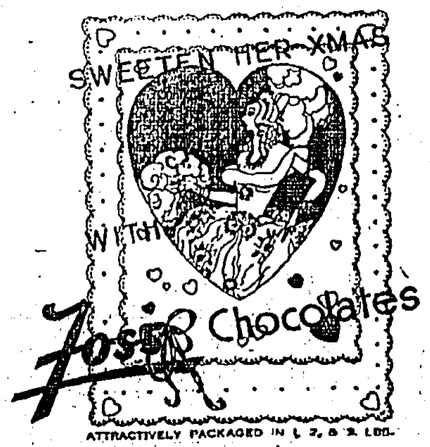

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RETREAT THAT BECAME FLIGHT

(Continued from Page 1.)

ing"—eloquent evidence of the excellence of British gunnery.

She bore shell marks all along the water-line.

Damage Described

A huge hole gaped in the control tower, which was completely perforated, and there was another hole in the bows.

Her aeroplane lost its wings and tail, and its engine had fallen to the deck.

Seen from the side, the superstructure looked like a mass of twisted iron, which included even the heavy guns.

The battle is believed to be directly due to the recent sinking of the German supply ship, Ussukuma, and the failure of another supply vessel, the Tacoma, to leave Montevideo owing to the presence of the British cruiser Achilles.

The captain of the Graf Spee thereupon decided to seize supplies from the French steamer, Formose, despite the known presence of the cruiser Exeter in the vicinity.

Smart Manoeuvring

She was about to seize the Formose when the Ajax loomed up and opened fire, at the same time calling up the Exeter and the Achilles.

The Ajax manoeuvred to avoid the Graf Spee fire, and action ceased during the greater part of the morning.

The Achilles and the Exeter then joined the Ajax, which was lying between the Graf Spee and the Plate Estuary.

The Exeter closed in while the Ajax and the Achilles stood off.

Their combined fire drove the Graf Spee towards the coast.

CHINA RE-ELECTED TO COUNCIL OF LEAGUE

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Russo-Finnish problem and avoid possible increased military retaliation.

Two-Part Resolution
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GENEVA, Dec. 14 (UP).—The expulsion resolution is framed in two parts; firstly, the Council joined the Assembly in condemning the Russian invasion of Finland; and, secondly, it found that Russia, by her act had placed herself outside the League.

Dr. Wellington Koo said: "I have the briefest declaration to make. Under the circumstances, you all understand, the Chinese delegation will abstain from partaking in the vote."

The official Soviet spokesman said the action would "certainly not improve relations with Britain and France." He added that the Allies are "against the Soviet's plans," and are coming "more and more out into the open."

ARK ROYAL STILL ACTIVE

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The South African Press reveals that the aircraft carrier Ark Royal and the battle-cruiser Renown recently visited Cape Town, thus giving the lie to the Zeesen announcements that the Ark Royal has been sunk.

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SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 18th day of December, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at To Kwa Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the optional of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet.	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4210.	Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No 3000, Kowloon City Road, To Kwa Wan.	as per sale plan.				About 5,000	$92	$3,750

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			feet	feet	feet	feet			
2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2746.	South West of New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1360 near Daimond Hill.	As per sale plan.				About 26,100	$160	$2,610

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			feet	feet	feet	feet			
3	Garden Lot No. 103.	Adjoining Rural Building Lot No. 395, Island Road.	as per sale plan.				About 27,520	$64	$1,375

GRAF SPEE DOOMED TO DESTRUCTION?

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crews manning the eight 6-inch guns as the British cruiser steams slowly back and forth at the mouth of the River Plate just outside Uruguayan territorial waters.

Sister ships to the Achilles, H.M.S. Exeter and H.M.S. Ajax, are also believed to be nearby. The Graf Spee is anchored in the inner harbour.

It is evident that the British have foreseen the possibility of the German raider making a desperate attempt to break to the open sea.

A "United Press" survey of the exterior damage to the German ship revealed that two shells pierced the thick armour plating of the fighting tower, entering on the port side and emerging on the starboard side.

Armour Pierced

Two sections of thick armour plate were smashed in the forepart of the ship on the starboard side and five impacts, apparently from small shells, were noted on the water line on the port side. One of two airplanes on the ship's flight deck had its tail shot off and part of the fuselage is gone. The extent of damage to the interior of the ship cannot be ascertained because nobody is allowed aboard.

The Ajax and Exeter, despite reports of serious damage to the latter, proceeded to sea early this morning and are believed to be standing by outside territorial waters.

The only official German action so far has been the German Minister's request for the crew to be allowed to disembark, which he made after a second visit to the warship.

The Graf Spee was hit by at least a dozen shells.

Governments Consult
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 14 (UP).—It is officially announced that the British and Uruguayan governments are now actively discussing the question of the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee.

In the House of Lords to-day, Lord Chatfield, British Defence Minister said: "I do not doubt that the Graf Spee will soon be at sea again."

Meanwhile, reports from Montevideo state that H.M.S. Achilles is patrolling the River Plate from a point outside Montevideo to Punto Gorda, apparently as a precaution against an attempt by the Graf Spee to escape.

Diplomatic Activity

Rear Admiral Gustave Schroeder, Inspector General of the Uruguayan Navy said: "If the damage to the Graf Spee makes it necessary, she may remain for more than 48 hours in port."

Further reports from Montevideo state that the German Minister is seeking permission to disembark the German ship's crew, while Washington reports say the Argentine Ambassador has arranged to visit the United States Department of State, presumably in connection with the Graf Spee.

What Awaits The Battleship

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique issued at 6.40 p.m. states:

"No reports have been received of the killed and wounded in the British ships which participated in the sharp action yesterday off Montevideo.

"These will be published when they are received.

"Despite the damage which caused the Exeter to drop out of the engagement, the two small cruisers, armed only with 6-in guns, cruisers pursued the German pocket battleship into the Plate River and now await her in the estuary, where they have been strongly reinforced.

"It must be understood that very large forces have been employed for many weeks searching the vast spaces of the South Atlantic both by sea and air, and that much time and many disappointments were inevitable before the raider could be found.

Comparison With Emden

"It is remarkable how little hindrance the Graf Spee has been able to inflict upon the movements of hundreds of ships during the two months that she has been at large.

"Compared with the mischief wrought by the Emden, her depredations have been small.

"As soon as further details of the encounter are received, the Admiralty will publish another statement, dealing with the conduct of the officers and men who, under the command of Commodore Harwood, encountered and chased from the sea a vessel so much their superior in weight of metal."

Neutrality Violated?
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (UP).—One high official source told the "United Press" that the Graf Spee battle was "apparently of much concern to all Americans." The United States viewpoint may be announced later.

It is understood that this concern arises because the battle occurred within the so-called Panama Neutrality Zone.

Informed circles take a grave view and indicate that consideration may be given to making formal protests for violation of the safety zone. However, it is indicated that the initiative for the protest will be left to the South American countries.

The White House is silent on the matter, apparently awaiting official reports. The Argentine Ambassador, Sir. Espil, conferred with Mr. Sumner Welles. Under Secretary of State; however, he said that in the absence of specific reports of the battle, he was unable to comment. Several other Latin-American officials privately said they believed that the American nations might make a joint protest to Germany and Britain.

Licking Her Wounds

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The badly damaged Nazi pocket battleship, Admiral Graf Spee, is now licking her wounds, which are plainly visible from the shore at Montevideo, while outside, British warships are sailing up and down on patrol.

The damage to the Graf Spee has put the Germans in somewhat of a predicament.

The German Minister at Montevideo says that she was forced into harbour by lack of fuel.

At the same time, the official German news agency is alleging that the British warships used mustard gas, which spoiled part of the ship's food and that that was why she put in to Montevideo.

Two-Day Stay Permitted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Graf Spee is granted a 48-hours' stay in Montevideo, according to information received by Mr. Cordell Hull.

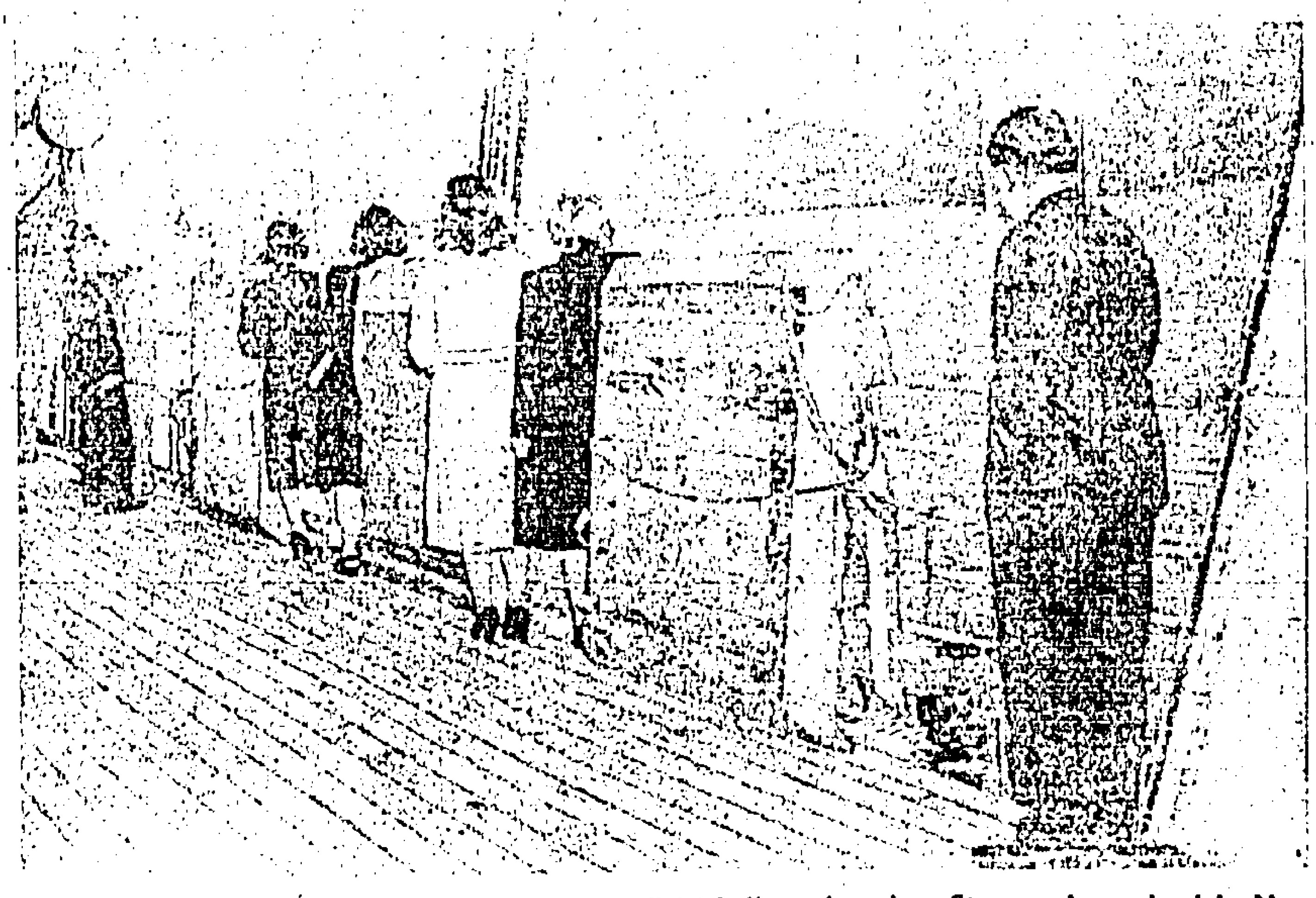
No Distinction

LONDON, Dec. 14 (British Wireless).—In the House of Lords, the Minister for the Co-Ordination of Defence stated that international law relating to the Graf Spee is under active examination between the British and Uruguayan Governments.

It is pointed out in naval circles in London that the provisions of Articles 14 and 17 of the Hague Convention of 1907, which contain rules relating to the repair in neutral ports of belligerent warships, do not distinguish between damage sustained in action and damage due to other causes.

There is substantial support for the view that the extension of stay or use of shore facilities to repair damage due to enemy action should not be allowed, and a number of neutral governments have issued express regulations denying the use of shore facilities or any extension of permitted stay beyond 24 hours if damage is due to enemy action.

Eluded Nine U-Boats



Rafts propped against the deck rails of the British liner Arandora Star as she arrived in New York Harbour. During the Atlantic crossing the liner, steering a zig-zag course, eluded nine U-boats.

NAZI HAD WEIGHT

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Nazi warship might well have sunk one of the British ships.

But in the traditional style of the Royal Navy, our ships did not hesitate. They attacked the German vessel and forced her to take refuge in a battered condition.

What Will Be Her End?

It was impossible to say what the final end of the Admiral Graf Spee would be.

International law permitted her to remain in a neutral port long enough to make necessary repairs to become seaworthy and take on enough fuel to reach the nearest port of her country, but nothing else.

If the German warship was interned, she would be out of action for the duration of the war.

If she attempted to leave, she would be shelled by the British cruisers which, now that they had found her, would never leave her.

The next few days should see some interesting developments.

It was interesting to note, concluded "Taffrail," that the man after whom she was named, Admiral Graf Spee, was defeated at Falkland Islands on December 8, 1914—25 years ago.

Britain Rejoices
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—News of Britain's success in the first big sea battle, together with the torpedoing of a German cruiser and the sinking of a fresh submarine, is greeted with rejoicing throughout the country.

The "Evening News" congratulates the Royal Navy and says that the cornering of one pocket battleship is an omen that the turn of the other two will come.

The "Evening Standard" says: "It must be admitted that in the past three months the British people have had to accept much that is bitter in the war at sea, but we have the assurance that one factor in our naval supremacy remains unchanging, that is, the spirit which impelled three British cruisers to confront a more powerfully-gunned opponent in the Atlantic and which enabled the Rawalpindi to fight to the last.

"As for the last three centuries, the safety of England resides in the hearts of her seamen."

Parliament Adjourns

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Parliament has adjourned for the Christmas recess until January 16.

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U.S. Cross rate in Lon.	4.02
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.93⅝

REDS ENTER VITAL CITY

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reports the Finns recaptured Salla this morning after two days of the bloodiest fighting of the war, so far. It is alleged that thousands of Russians were killed.

Soviet Regiments Destroyed

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—A communique states that at Tolvajaervi Finnish counter-attacks have been crowned with success, and after a three-day battle it is confirmed that two Soviet regiments were destroyed.

The district of Tolvajaervi is again entirely in the hands of Finnish troops who are pursuing the Russians.

In the course of local fighting in the Karelian Isthmus, eleven Soviet tanks were destroyed.

Russians Use Gas

On the eastern frontier, Soviet troops continue their attacks at Koeronoya Station between Titkarenta and Kitelne.

The Russians used gas at Suomussalmi.

Units of the Soviet Fleet bombarded Koivisto. The Finnish coastal batteries replied, whereupon the Soviet vessels withdrew.

Yugo-Slav Ship In Distress

Runs Aground Near Borneo

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Dec. 15 (UP).—Radio Communications of America have intercepted an SOS signal from the steamship Vidovdan which ran aground at Pulo Laut near Borneo at 9.40 p.m. yesterday.

The Vidovdan is a vessel of 5,581 tons registered at the port of Dubrovnik in Yugo-Slavia. She was enroute to Sourabaya from Japan.

FRANCO-BRITISH ECONOMIC PACT

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, said that he saw nothing in the Franco-British economic agreement that was detrimental to United States interests.

He was of the opinion that the provisions of the agreement did not "vitiate" a tripartite monetary agreement.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The joint choir of the Christ Church's Mandarin Service and Hop Yat Church will present a Christmas concert at the Hop Yat Church tomorrow at 8.30 p.m.

REMARKABLE WAR ZONE SCENES DESCRIBED

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frontier, which then included Alsace-Lorainne.

In the first days of the war, the German armies swept into the rest of the Briey basin and for four and a half years France was deprived of its chief sources of iron and its chief steel mills. When the German armies coming through Belgium invaded the Lens coal region, France lost most of its coal. Thus the Germans held for the duration of the war 70 per cent of the French steel-making potential.

This Time It's Different

This time it is a different situation. The Briey mines lie in a great circle well behind the Maginot Line, with fortresses forming what is believed to be an impregnable line between the basin and the Belgium, Luxembourg and the German frontiers.

Even if Germany tried again her 1914 "end run" through Belgium and Luxembourg, she would still have to break through the Maginot Line to grab the Briey mines. The Longwy steel basin can be attacked heavily from the air, but so can the German steel and iron centres in the Saar and Ruhr Valleys.

There is no tacit understanding, but each side realizes the other can do equal destruction, and neither seems to want to take the initiative. Without drawing any conclusions, I might state the geographical fact that it is only 200 feet from the French frontier into the Esch steel mills, while it is more than 100 miles, by the shortest route the Germans could take, to that corner of Luxembourg.

Galleries Of Iron-Mines

Near Longwy, where the French, Luxembourg and Belgian frontiers come to a common focal point in fog and mud, the area is honeycombed with galleries of iron mines. There is one mine in particular which has entrances and workings in all three countries, and the galleries meet underground. This presents a constant danger for the passage of spies and other undesirables, so the French have provided their galleries with steel doors, and incoming workers from Belgium and Luxembourg filter past control officers.

France's defences along the whole Luxembourg frontier from the Moselle to the Chiers River are comparatively simple. The frontier consists chiefly of a deep wooded valley which is nature's most perfect anti-tank obstacle. The French slopes of the valley are a labyrinth of trenches, machine-guns and anti-tank guns. Every turn of the road approaching the French border is swept with enfilading fire. Brigades and roads are all mined to widen the obstacle within a few seconds.

Three or four lines of resistance lie between the frontier and the main Maginot Line obstacles which are at this point among the most powerful in the whole French chain.

Behind the Maginot Line lies another famous defence triangle—the Metz-Verdun-Montmody area. Therefore, as long as steel and concrete in the last permanent French fortresses holds strong, the regiments will stand at their guns.

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Shanghai ..... Dec. 16.
Manila ..... Dec. 16.
Shanghai ..... Dec. 16.
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Calcutta, Straits and Saigon Dec. 17.
Haiphong ..... Dec. 17.
Haiphong ..... Dec. 17.
Haiphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard ..... Dec. 17.
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Shanghai ..... Dec. 18.
Straits and Manila ..... Dec. 18.
Shanghai and Amoy ..... Dec. 18.
Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane. ..... Dec. 19.
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Straits ..... Dec. 19.

OUTWARD MAILS
Friday, Dec. 15

For Bayard and Hoihow .. 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong ..... 2 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 16

Canton ..... 7.15 a.m.
Saigon ..... 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta.
Parcels ..... Dec. 16, Noon.
Letters, ... Dec. 16, 1 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan. Honolulu, U.S.A.. Central & South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco, 6th January 1940.

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Parcels ..... Dec. 16, 4 p.m.
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Ord. ..... Dec. 16, 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 24th December.

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Reg. ..... Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
Reg. ..... Dec. 16, 5.30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 17

Amoy ..... 9 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 18

Shanghai ..... 8.30 a.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 14th January 1940.

G. P. O. and K. P. O.

Reg., ... Dec. 18, 8.45 a.m.
Ord., ... Dec. 18, 9.30 a.m.
Canton ..... 7 p.m.
Japan ..... 7 p.m.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks $	1,350 s.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) ..	£82½ n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) ..	£85 n.
Chartered £	8⅛ n
Mercantile, A. & B. £	29⅛ n.
Mercantile, C. £	11⅝ n.
East Asia $	74 b.
INSURANCES	
Canton $	220 n.
Union $	400 b.
China Underwriter $	1¼ n.
H.K. Fire $	190 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglases $	71¼ b.
Steamboats $	11 n.
Indo-Chinas P.$	80 b.
Indo-Chinas, D.$	50 b.
Shells (Bearers) s/-	80/- n.
Waterboats $	8.10 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves $	101½ n.
Docks $	19.60 s.
Providents $	4.50 sa.
New Eng. Sh.	19.80 n.
Sh. Docks Sh. $	195 n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	17/- n.
Raubs $ ex. div.	10.10 n.
Venz. Gold $	4 n.
H.K. Mines $	4 cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotels $	4.90 sa.
Lands $	33¼ b.
Lands 4% Deb. $	100 n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $	10.80 n.
Humphreys $	7.80 n.
H.K. Realties $	4.40 b.
Chinese Estates $	103 sa.
UTILITIES	
Trams	16.70/17½ sa.
Peak Trams (old) $	8 n.
Peak Trams (new) $	4 n.
Star Ferries $	66 b.
Y. Ferries $	23½ b.
China Lights (old) $	8.25 sa.
China Lights (new) $	5 b.
H.K. Electrics $	52¾ b
Macao Electrics	18½ n.
Sandakan Lights	11.40 b.
Telephones (old) $	24¾ n.
Telephone (new) $	8.60 b
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Cald Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $	13 n.
Canton Ices $	1 n.
Cements $	16¼/16½ sa.
H.K. Ropes $	6 sa.
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Dairy Farms (new) $	20.00 b.
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Lane, Crawfords $	7¼ n.
Sincere $	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.) $	41 n.
Powell, Ltd. $	1 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. $	20¼ n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $ ex. div	162 n.
Zeeng Sing, Sh. $	42 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. $	48½ n.
MISC.	
H. K. Entertainments $	6.50 b.
Constructions (old) $	1.75 n.
Constructions (new) $	1 n.
Vibro Piling $	8¼ n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	
G. Bonds	47% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	100 n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan	97½ n.
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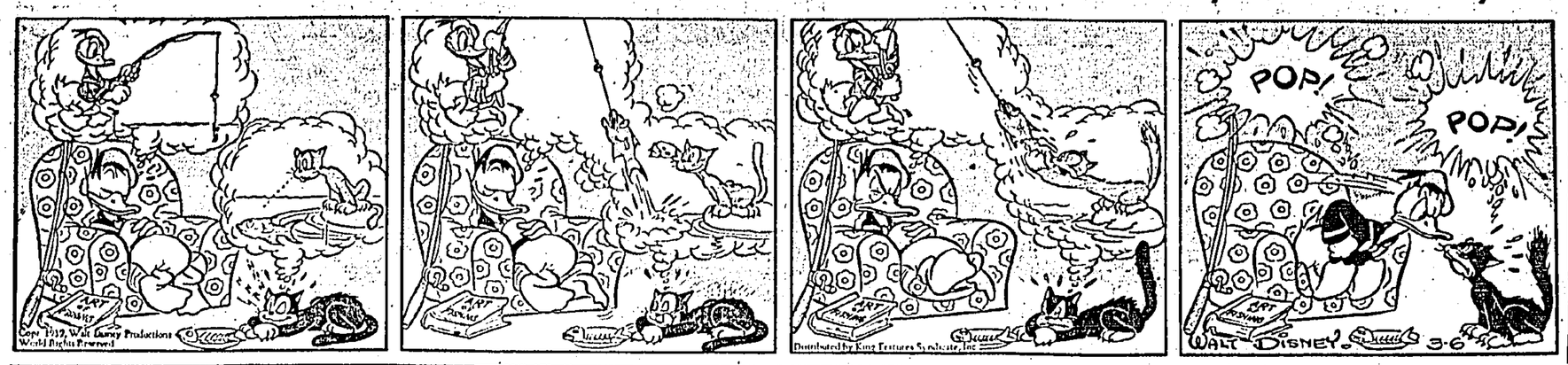

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GERMAN WARSHIP RUNS TO SHELTER

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ham respectively, the Achilles is from New Zealand.

The question as to whether the Admiral Graf Spee will be allowed to stay in the neutral port depends upon her seaworthiness.

If she is found to be seaworthy she must leave within 24 hours, if not, she may stay, but must not replenish her armament or increase her supply of war materials.

The German radio admits that the pocket battleship was damaged, but talks of hits and damage to the "heavy British cruiser" Exeter.

The official German News Agency says that a successful battle was fought, but says that an exact picture cannot be given as only British reports are at present available.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

New York Account

New York, Dec. 14.

The *New York Times* states that British cruisers established contact with the German pocket battleship six times during the morning.

The German ship attacked the Ajax while the latter was convoying the French liner Formose near the mouth of the River Plate. The Exeter and Achilles responded to a call from the Ajax. They came at full speed and opened fire on the German vessel, which was repeatedly hit, especially by shells from the Exeter.

The four ships fought an intense gun battle from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The German ship directed her main efforts on the Exeter as all four ships ran southward.

After passing Punta de Leste the British ships turned westward to get the advantage of the sun which placed the German ship in silhouette. This caused the German to change course disastrously to the south-east. The British ships continued firing until well after dusk.

Under cover of darkness the battleship again changed course and finally reached Montevideo.—*Reuter.*

Ran Out Of Fuel

London, Dec. 14.

According to reports from Montevideo the Commander of the Graf Spee has announced that the warship put into port only because of a lack of fuel.—*Reuter.*

Why Exeter Dropped Out

London, Dec. 14.

According to reports from Montevideo the Exeter sustained seven hits. Two holes were blown in her control tower, while five hits were registered on her hull above the water line.—*Reuter.*

Exeter With A List

Montevideo, Dec. 14.

It is reported here that H.M.S. Exeter, which dropped out of the battle, has a slight list.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN VERSION

Admiral Graf Spee Said To Have Attacked Exeter!

Berlin, Dec. 14.

An authorised source confirmed that the Admiral Graf Spee engaged the cruisers Exeter, Ajax and Achilles off Montevideo and all are at present lying in the harbour of Montevideo.

LOVEM AND LEAVEM

"—ere, look! 'Elephant Boy.'"

This source said that according to German information the Admiral Graf Spee had 36 dead and 60 wounded.

The vessel had aboard six Captains of British ships, which presumably the Admiral Graf Spee had sunk.

According to present information, the Admiral Graf Spee attacked the Exeter, which called the Ajax and Achilles into the fight. It is confirmed that the Exeter was badly damaged.

All four ships are at present lying in the harbour of Montevideo, from which they must depart within 24 hours.—*United Press.*

German Claims Grow

Berlin, Dec. 14.

The German News Agency states that it is unconfirmedly alleged that the Achilles was sunk.

It further says that the British suffered several hundred dead and wounded.—*United Press.*

British Denial Issued

London, Dec. 14.

The Admiralty states that the allegation made by the German Embassy at Montevideo that the casualties on the pocket battleship were mostly caused by British mustard gas is entirely without foundation.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH COMMANDER

London, Dec. 14.

The British squadron was under the command of Commodore H. H. Harward.—*British Wireless.*

"SHIP" SUNK ON DRY LAND

NAZIS' WILDEST CLAIM

By A Naval Correspondent

AN enemy broadcast has claimed that H.M.S. Kestrel has been sunk. This is the biggest joke of the war, since the Kestrel is actually the official name of the Fleet Air Arm training establishment at Worthy Down, Hampshire.

This should encourage the Germans to carry on with the verbal destruction of a few more ships of a similar character, such as the Boscawen, which is the shore base at Portland; the Buzzard, otherwise the R.N. Air Station at Lympne; the Daedalus, R.N. Air Station at Lee-on-Solent; or the Merlin, R.N. Air Station at Donibristle.

An especially tempting choice would be H.M.S. Impregnable, whose name could hardly fail to attract the imagination of the German broadcasters. This happens to be a boys' training establishment on dry land at St. Budeaux, near Devonport.

Britain Orders 1,000 Planes—For A Start

AIR ARMADA FROM CANADA IN JANUARY

OTTAWA.

FIRST deliveries of Hampden bombers, built in Canada and flown over the Atlantic to England, are expected in three months.

Other batches will follow at regular intervals.

Britain has already placed in Canada war contracts that mean a thousand planes of various types—bombers, fighters and trainers.

The trainers will stay in Canada and be used as part of the scheme for training Empire airmen.

Canada is putting everything into the war against Hitlerism. And Canada now is vastly more powerful than in 1914.

The number of airfields is being increased to 100. All airports of the trans-Canadian air lines are to be commandeered.

Every year 25,000 men from Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Canada will be trained and sent over to the front as pilots, gunners and observers.

A British air mission, headed by Lord Riverdale, has been conferring with the Canadian Government on the training scheme, and also the production of bombers which will be flown across the Atlantic.

Lord Riverdale has said that he estimates the training programme will cost £140,000,000 a year.

The first Canadian army division of 16,000 men is training for overseas service. Another 49,000 are under arms.

The number of volunteers is greater than the country's training capacity at the moment.

A national committee is working under the leadership of Dominion officials to co-ordinate agricultural effort and make huge quantities of foodstuffs—butter, cheese and eggs and wheat—available to the Allies.

In several provinces plans to extend agricultural production are being undertaken.

Canada's war expenditure was estimated at the outbreak of war at £200,000 a day. Now it is said to have reached £500,000.

A War Supply Board has been set up, headed by Mr. Wallace Campbell, general manager of Ford Motors in Canada.

This Board will do all the buying for the Canadian forces, and will also act as purchasing agent for the British Ministry of Supply.

But Canada is paying no fancy salaries to directors of these various war organisations.

Mr. Wallace Campbell is taking exactly four shillings a year for his services. Other business executives are getting the same.

Higher pay goes to the soldiers. Privates get 5s. 4d. a day now, compared with 4s. a day in the last war.

A British Purchasing Commission, under Sir James Rae and Colonel J. H. Greenly, are now completing a survey of Canadian plants.

Reports are current that they will place contracts for £20,000,000 worth of equipment and supplies within the next month.

Little difficulty is foreseen in the mass production of tanks, armoured cars, Army transport, and Bren guns, and deliveries are expected monthly. The work is under way, guided by experts from the Schneider and Creusot works.

Twenty-five pounder shell casings are already being produced. Explosives plants are going up.

All research facilities—both of private enterprise and the universities—have been mobilised under the National Research Council.

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Lumberjacks are swarming into the forests to send timber over to Britain.

Every unit in manufacture and production is being mobilised under the War Industries Board.

And if any would-be profiteer tries to hold up supplies, there is a War Prices Board with power to seize the food, fuel, or other necessities and sell them to help the war.

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HIS SWISS EXILE

THE Swiss Government has given permission to ex-President Moscicki of Poland and his wife to enter Switzerland.

M. and Mme. Moscicki are at present in Rumania, and are expected to live in the university town of Fribourg.

The ex-President has been a Swiss citizen since 1908, when he acquired citizenship in the Canton of Fribourg.

THESE POLES WANT TO FISH FOR US

FIFTY-FIVE Polish seamen, denied the chance of fighting for their country, want to catch fish for Britain.

They are the crews of six trawlers which were fishing off Gdynia when Germany marched on Poland.

Ordered by radio to race to British ports, five reached Fleetwood and one went to Aberdeen.

"All the men were eager to go home to fight," said Mr. B. A. Parkes, general manager of the Boston Deep Sea Fishing Company, which has an interest in the vessels.

"But that was out of the question.

"Negotiations are in progress with the Polish authorities in London to enable the men to produce fish for this country.

"The British authorities have done everything possible to facilitate the departure of the vessels to the fishing grounds.

"It is hoped that the trawlers will get away soon."

Mr. Parkes said the vessels would put to sea with British officers.

The former captains, mates and chief engineers were Dutch, and had landed in Holland on the way to Britain.

Among the crews is a 27-year-old Polish Jew, educated in Vienna, where he gained the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy.

He speaks German, French, Italian, Spanish and Dutch.

He was finishing his studies when he was turned out of Vienna, so returned to Poland and went to sea.

Danes Warned By Leaflets

Umbrella - With Dagger

COPENHAGEN.

Germany started a big propaganda leaflet campaign in Denmark this morning.

Coincident with the announcement of new taxes, citizens all over the country received a sealed envelope containing versions of Hitler's and Goering's recent speeches and a leaflet.

This leaflet shows on one side a picture of a folded umbrella, and on the other the same umbrella without its cover and revealing a dagger.

The leaflet, printed in Danish, stated: "If your cars remain in garages, if you have no petrol, if you are cold and have no coat, if you queue up for rations, you have only Britain to thank."

"This umbrella is supposed to be used against rain, but it is really a weapon of war.

"We think it is better to do without it. It is better to get water down one's neck than a dagger in one's back. But we know how to deal with both foul weather and daggers.

"The bombs on Denmark, pilots flights over Holland and Belgium, and the despotic British blockade which puts the thumbscrews on the trade of neutrals, have shown the true use of the umbrella."

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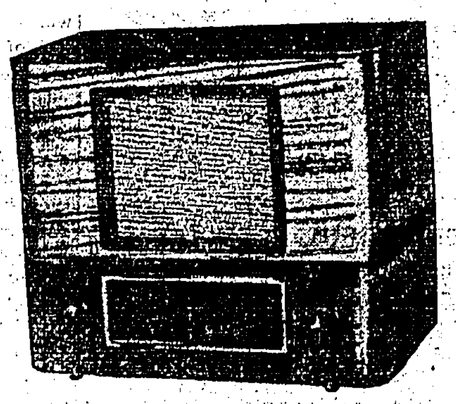

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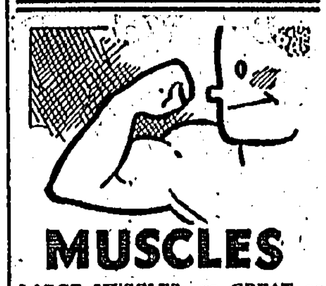

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"... And Threepence Coloured"

THE British manufacturers of Christmas toys have once again lived up to their high reputation; and their products this year are as fascinating, ingenious, and topical as ever. The mechanical marvels, the model motor car, and the always popular locomotive, exhibit new gadgets, warranted to bring even pater-familias to his knees on the nursery floor; among the dolls there is a superb Mr. Chamberlain, able to face up to anything, since his expression can be altered at will; and Lilliput has its streets complete with traffic lights, Flying Squad cars, and every detail that makes for verisimilitude.

It is pleasant, however, to see that some of the very old favourites are still disdainful of the spell of time, which would whisk them into lumberland; and of these the most notable are the "penny plain, twopence coloured" toy theatre sheets that Stevenson made famous. The old shop at Hoxton is still busy reproducing them; and though the price of admission is now three-halfpence plain, threepence coloured, it is still the ancient, splendid, and authentic "kingdom of Transpontus" into which they introduce one.

Nothing has altered there. "How the roads wander, how the castle sits upon the hill, how the sun cradiates from behind the cloud, and how the congregated clouds themselves uproll, as stiff as bolsters! Here is the cottage interior, with the cloak upon the nail, . . . the gun and powder-horn and corner-cupboard. . . ." Captain Luff, Bold Bob Bowsprit, and a hundred more of that swaggering brotherhood spring up to greet one, with all the verve, the inimitable clan, of their palmy days. Is it any wonder that the nursery should turn at times from a shiny, exquisite, but perhaps rather complacent realism, to invest in three-pennyworth of Hoxton magic?

The Best Reply To Hitler's Mines

HITLER mines the seas round the British coast. The cries of those who suffer in ships can be heard from the land.

This new phase of the war shows greater Nazi determination and more cruelty. We can regard it as the first of a series of desperate acts to which Hitler has been driven by his present dilemma, and his insatiable craving for world domination.

He chooses a war of economics against Britain, and immediately implicates most of the neutral countries of the world.

Obviously Hitler believes that he can imprison the British Fleet, and isolate us to an extent that means our national life will be strangled, and thereby we shall be brought to our knees to sue for peace.

In his daydreams Hitler no doubt imagines that once this is achieved the British Empire will collapse and the war end on his terms. No doubt he thinks he can make a separate peace with France, and avoid what he fears most—a military reckoning with her.

No man could make a more serious mistake, for France is as determined as Britain to end for all time the threat of German aggression. Already France shows signs that she will not agree to any half-measures in the peace that the Allies will win by victory.

Many people think it strange that Hitler prefers to use the economic weapon against Britain, to postpone the war of frightfulness with which he has threatened us so often. In this we must admit his skill. He overshadows the economic attack on Britain with more threats. He uses the neutral Press to trumpet German propaganda all over the world in the hope that he can force a peace to his own advantage.

Our Long Warning

WE are told again that Germany has 30,000 aeroplanes at least, a vast fleet of submarines, and that the real war will begin in the spring of 1940.

No enemy was ever favoured with such long warning. Britain and France are to be allowed to speed up their vast output of munitions and machines while Hitler's aeroplanes become even more obsolescent.

There must be something wrong here. The best explanation is probably Hitler's fantastic belief in the force of propaganda.

His object is to crack the resistance of Britain and France from within. He wishes to frighten us, but German propaganda has now lost its force, even though conveyed by most distinguished visitors.

It has come up against its most powerful enemies, the cold scorn of the Allied leaders and the ridicule of the man in the street.

Having heard so many Nazi boasts, the people of Britain and France look for action. When Hitler failed to fulfil his threatened invasion of Holland he demonstrated his weakening leadership.

Hitler, the visionary, may dream of glorious victories to be won against the whole world, but it is quite clear that his generals do not. They have warned him that the army machine is not ready to fight the combined British and French Armies, and other armies which might become involved.

The generals want more time. The fact is that they have little faith in the Nazification of the German Army. They do not believe that politics and military discipline can be mixed efficiently.

So obstacles have been put in the way of a frontal attack on the Maginot Line, and the invasion of Holland has been postponed.

Generals Hold On

THE military caste are still anxious to preserve their tradition, when all other traditions have been smashed in Germany. A number of generals were concerned in the contacts established with Major Stevens and Captain Best, the two Britons who were kidnapped by the Gestapo at Venlo on November 9.

This statement is not difficult to believe when it is known that German generals were in touch with the British Government before the Munich crisis in 1938, and again in the early summer of his year.

From separate sources information has reached here that these dissident generals were ready to agree to the restoration of the independence of Czecho-Slovakia and Poland.

The Gestapo appear to have stumbled on this information by a fluke arising out of the Munich bomb attempt on Hitler's life, and quickly matched the two incidents to provide a necessary diversion at home and to make the world believe that here was another Reichstag fire plot.

We Shall Win

THWARTED in his desire to march into Holland, and probably alarmed and annoyed by the opposition of his generals, Hitler is said to have been all the more willing to listen to Admiral Raeder. He boasted that he could blockade Britain with comparative ease.

This must have been an eleventh-hour scheme, or otherwise Hitler would have used the plan now operating the moment war was declared, to prevent Britain transporting her Expeditionary Force to France.

To have cut Britain off from France in those early days would have been a powerful weapon of propaganda to persuade France to make a separate peace. Instead, the attempted blockade bears all the signs of a desperate last-minute scheme at which Hitler eagerly grabbed because of his dilemma.

There can be little question that Hitler seized the idea as a vain hope that he might be able to immobilise the concentrated efforts of Britain's men, money, and machines by which his fate will eventually be sealed.

The British decision to retaliate to the mining of the seas by seizing all German exports is a direct blow at the heart of the Nazi regime. It must have a tremendous effect on the course of the war.

Germany will be deprived of foreign exchange at the time when she needs it most. She has been living from hand to mouth through lack of credit for a long time. Now her trade with the outside world is to be stopped.

She will not be able to buy those essential raw materials which she requires. Granted that she has stocks of food and certain raw materials, there are still other commodities she needs to wage a long war. Now she will not be able to get them.

She will have less money to spend on propaganda in foreign capitals, which has been an important feature of Nazi shock tactics. She will be isolated save from those of her nearest neutral neighbours, whom she will try to force into her barter system.

Thus the prospects are becoming bleaker for Hitler, so that at any moment he may be tempted to launch his threatened war of frightfulness.

But this he must calculate most carefully, and there are signs that he is doing so. A war of frightfulness would have many dangers for him.

So far his attacks on British shipping have not led to reprisal raids on German naval depots or arsenals. German people know what food shortage means but not bombs.

If Hitler listens to those experts who know Britain (Ribbentrop excepted), they will have told him that the British man-in-the-street is a stubborn person with an enduring belief in himself and his country.

He has become so inured to repeated threats of Nazi frightfulness that there can be no surprise for him.

Blockade of Britain

AIR raids over Germany if; and when, they come, are likely to have much greater effect than over Britain. So Hitler may not be in a hurry to commit a final assault on this country which would inevitably lead to reprisals. He may prefer to continue his attempted blockade, and to keep the war on its economic level.

At the moment he is pleased by the success of his new war at sea by mines. As in the early days of the U-boat campaign, he has sunk a large number of ships. But this time they are mostly neutral—a mine cannot differentiate between British and neutral ships.

At first he blamed the sinking of neutral ships on British mines. Now he admits they are German mines.

He wants to frighten neutral shipping away from British ports. But in this campaign he is challenging the greatest Sea Power in the world.

The reputation of the British Navy is staked on finding an answer to this Nazi brutality. The Navy will succeed. Hitler must fail.

He will fail because behind the British Navy there are endless resources of skill, inventiveness, and courage.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

"You've broken my heart, wrecked my whole life, and ruined my entire evening."

ANY OLD IRON, Adolf?

GERMANY once had a proud and mighty Navy—but that was a quarter of a century ago. To-day the greater part of its tonnage is represented by typewriters, sewing machines and motor-cars in thousands of British homes; some of it has even been exported to Germany in British-made steel products; still more of it, as ploughshares, now helps to till England's green fields.

More than 400,000 tons of former German naval might still lies barnacled beneath the waters of Scapa Flow, where it was consigned by German hands in June, 1919.

It is an ironic twist of fate that steel from the former German Fleet should be playing an important part for the Allies in this war against Hitlerism. The reason which made this possible is even more ironical.

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When the Germans scuttled their ships at Scapa Flow in 1919, they took elaborate precautions to make sure that they could never be salved. Their very thoroughness was their undoing.

When they opened the sea cocks to let in the water, they even threw watertight doors overboard; they removed the seats of valves so that they could not be closed. And then—to complete the job—they left air in the double bottoms of the ships so that they turned turtle when they sank.

Had they sunk them the right way up, salvage engineers could never have raised them!

As it is, however, out of over half a million tons of ships, some 400,000 tons of scrap metal have been recovered; and in due course, doubtless, if the metal is worth the cost of salvage, the remainder of the fleet will be raised.

Three battleships and four light cruisers still lie at the bottom of Scapa Flow; nearly 70 ships were scuttled, including 50 destroyers.

No one really cared very much when the Germans sank their own fleet, in spite of the fact that a great many people expressed a great deal of indignation at the time.

For five years little was heard of the German ships; then a British scrap metal firm decided that it would be a profitable business to raise them.

It was an ambitious idea, and it developed into a tremendous task—a task which has so far taken 15 years.

One by one the scuttled destroyers were lifted from the bottom, and the capital ships brought to the surface.

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There have been many amusing incidents in those fifteen years of hard and dangerous work. The first occurred when the compressed air workers came upon the "cellar" in one of the battle-cruisers.

At first the salvage officers could not understand what was happening when men emerged from the airlocks bright of eye and laughing. But ten years under the sea had worked wonders with good Rhine wine!

Souvenirs of this tremendous salvage feat are to be found in hundreds of Orkney homes—crockery, cutlery, vases, even jewellery; for the German sailors had no time to collect and save personal belongings when they sent the last of their navy to the bottom.

But souvenirs, though interesting, are of secondary account. The raising of the ships has not only provided steel and other valuable metals for Britain's war needs, but it has given a large number of men an unrivalled experience in salvage.

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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Generals Meet The Emperor

TOKYO, Dec. 14 (Domei).—The Emperor this morning received nine Generals who recently returned from China.

Among them were Lieut.-General Eijiro Ebashi, who has commanded the Army air forces in North and Central China and Manchukuo; Lieut.-Generals Michitaro Komatsubara, Shigeji Yanashita, Shin Yoshida, Dodai Sugawara, Katsuji Imamura, and Kei Setani, and Major Generals Shinichiro Minamigumo and Akira Muto.

The Generals were later received by the Empress. The Emperor presented them with silver vases. They were entertained at a luncheon.

'Goebbels Was My Enemy'

DR. BERNHARD WEISS, Berlin's police chief in pre-Nazi days, found himself arrested in London on the outbreak of war by orders from the Scotland-yard with whom he had often conferred six years ago on international crime.

After being detained for some days Dr. Weiss has been released. He had satisfied the authorities he was not a dangerous enemy alien.

Recently, Dr. Weiss looked out of the window of his tiny third-floor office in Grays Inn-road, W.C., and said:

"Now I am just a London business man. Clients who heard I was interned have telephoned my office. But I am on good terms with your British authorities.

"At Scotland-yard they know that I was an opponent of the Nazi regime. Dr. Goebbels was my especial enemy. Hitler's rise to power in 1933 deprived me of my German nationality. I fled to England and have been here ever since."

FIGHTING SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER

"Gallant Action" In Atlantic Described

London, Dec. 14.

Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day made a fighting speech re-affirming British determination to wage a relentless war against Germany, while giving material aid to Finland.

Members of the House of Commons were most elated at what the Premier called "gallant action" against the Admiral Graf Spee.—*United Press.*

London, Dec. 14.

An account of the naval battle with the Admiral Graf Spee was given by Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons this afternoon when he reviewed the progress of the war.

Mr. Chamberlain said, "Shortly after 6 a.m. yesterday Commodore Harwood on the Ajax reported that he was in contact with a German pocket battleship. Thereupon, with the Exeter and Achilles, he attacked the enemy who made off in the direction of Montevideo.

"During the action, which was of a severe character, the Exeter received damage which reduced her speed and forced her to drop out of the fight.

"The two six-inch cruisers continued the pursuit and about midnight the German ship, which turned out to be the Admiral Graf Spee, carrying six 11-inch guns, took refuge within territorial waters and is now anchored off Montevideo."

Mr. Chamberlain referred to the 36 dead and 60 wounded as stated by the German Minister to Uruguay, who said these casualties were alleged to be due to the use by the British cruisers of mustard gas.

"This characteristic statement, is, of course, without foundation," said the Premier. "No gas shells or grenades have ever been made for or used by any ships of His Majesty's Navy.

Depredations Ended

"Although the full details are not yet available, I think it is already apparent that a very gallant action was fought by three comparatively small British ships against a much more heavily armed adversary, the result of which may well be to free the South Atlantic from the depredations of this raider (Cheers).

"Members will also have welcomed the news that the 'Bremen submarine' has sunk a U-boat and torpedoed an enemy cruiser."

Mr. Chamberlain then referred to air operations which had been hampered by bad weather and poor visibility. He mentioned the continuous patrols carried out over the enemy bases of Heligoland on December 12.

Continuing, Mr. Chamberlain said that since his last statement the discussions with the visiting Ministers from the Dominions and representative of India have been completed.

There was a full and frank exchange of views which proved to be of the highest value both on the German strategical and diplomatic aspects of the war as also on the particular problems affecting the individual members of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Chamberlain, continuing, said "The Finns have been defending their country with courage and determination and the Finnish Army proved itself by far the better fighting force in everything but numbers. (Cheers).

"It is too soon to attempt to forecast its unequal struggle, but its political consequences have already been far-reaching.

POLITICAL SITUATION

"By their act of aggression the Soviet Government has outraged the conscience of the whole world. (Cheers). Nevertheless the Germans have publicly ranged themselves on the side of the aggressor, whom they have even attempted to assist by a scurrilous and violent campaign against other Scandinavian countries for their moral support of the Finnish cause."

Mr. Chamberlain recalled that in the last year it was decided that the nations could each decide what they would do in regard to an aggressor State, and said, "Before the question had been raised at Geneva Britain had decided to permit delivery to Finland by the manufacturers concerned of a number of fighting aircraft of which the Finnish Government were in urgent need and they intended similarly to release other material which would be of assistance to the Finnish Government.

"General help has been forthcoming from several other countries which recently supplied war material to Finland and would have supplied more but for the fact that the German Government made difficulties regarding transit."

Referring to the League's discussion of the question, Mr. Chamberlain said, "The attitude of His Majesty's Government has already been made abundantly clear: while strongly condemning the Soviet aggression, they consider every effort should be made to utilise the League machinery for its primary purpose, namely, a peaceful settlement of the dispute, and if that should prove impossible, for affording practical assistance to the victim of aggression."

Events at Geneva

Mr. Chamberlain then outlined the recent events at Geneva and mentioned that the League handled the appeal by Finland with the utmost speed and despatch. He spoke on the bearing of the Finnish conflict on Britain's war aims and said, "An opportunity provided by this conflict has been eagerly seized upon by the German propaganda machine, and by many people acting consciously or unconsciously in its service, to deflect attention from the primary objective of the Allied war effort, which is to defeat Nazi Germany.

"We must never lose sight of that objective.

"We must never forget it was German aggression which paved the way for the Soviet attack on Poland and Finland, and that Germany alone among the nations is even now abetting by word and deed Russian aggression.

"We must all give what help and support we can spare to the latest victim of these destructive forces, but meanwhile it is only by concentrating on our task of resistance to German aggression and thus attack the evil at its root that we can hope to save the nations of Europe from a fate which must otherwise overtake them."

After referring to the visit of the King to the front line where all ranks were stimulated by his presence and gave his Majesty the warmest of welcomes, Mr. Chamberlain mentioned British troops have now taken their place in a sector of the Maginot Line side by side with their French Allies.

Certain British units are now facing the enemy in the outpost line in this sector, whence patrols are maintained in touch with the enemy. —*Reuter.*

AMERICA APPALLED

Suffering Of Victims Of Nazi Terror

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Addressing the American Jewish Congress Anti-Nazi rally, Mr. Herbert Hoover, former President of the United States, appealed to the 20,000 present for assistance for Europe's war on behalf of the distressed.

Mr. Hoover said that America was appalled by the suffering inflicted on religious and political minorities in Europe.

"America's Challenge"

The meeting was called as "America's challenge" to the treatment accorded to the Jewish minorities in Germany and Poland.

Mr. William Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, said that the free people of America would never acquiesce in or accept the triumph of Stalinism or Hitlerism.

"We are in favour of resorting to the use of all means at our command, short of war, to prevent these brutal dictators from accomplishing their dastardly purpose," he said.

TRAWLER SUNK BY MINE

Skipper And Seven Men Missing

LONDON, Dec. 14 (British Wireless.—The Secretary of the Admiralty announces the loss of H.M. Trawler, William Hallett sunk by a mine.

There is only one survivor.

The skipper and seven men are reported missing, believed drowned.

Churchill And Convoys

LONDON, Dec. 14 (British Wireless).—Mr. Winston Churchill, in a written House of Commons reply, said: "The protection of our convoy system is available on certain conditions to neutrals, and I believe their losses would be reduced if they accepted this protection more often. The Admiralty have taken and will continue to take all possible steps to encourage neutral shipping engaged in trade with or for, the Allies to participate in British convoys!"

Soviet-Nazi Trade Talks Drag On

BERLIN, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Nazi trade negotiations with Russia are dragging on.

The Soviet economic mission which has been in Germany for the past seven weeks left for Moscow on Wednesday night.

The negotiations are by no means complete, but the official German news agency says that they will be resumed in Moscow in a few days' time.

Tributes To Mr. Sheldon

Tributes to Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., whose appointment as Crown Counsel of Hongkong was announced recently, were paid by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The Chief Justice said he would like to testify in no uncertain manner as to the assistance which he had always received from Mr. Sheldon. He was happy that Mr. Sheldon was going to be a member of the staff of the Court, and wished him the good luck and success which he deserved.

On behalf of the Bar, Mr. Potter associated himself with the Chief Justice's remarks, and added that Mr. Sheldon's departure was indeed a very serious loss. Mr. Sheldon, he said, had always been fair in conducting his cases and always fought them hard and well.

Mr. Sheldon expressed his appreciation. He will take up his post in January.

Conditions For Orient Peace

Admiral Yarnell's Three Points

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (UP).—Admiral Harry Yarnell, former Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, in a speech last night to 200 Phi Beta Kappa alumni in the Savoy Plaza Hotel said a settlement of the war in the Far East can be achieved only when:—

A stable and independent China is established.

When the Japanese Army and Navy are subordinated to a Japanese civil government, and

When Japan is assured that in times of peace there will be no discrimination against Japanese goods, and that Japan will not be denied access to raw materials.

ATTLEE TO VISIT WESTERN FRONT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Clement R. Attlee, the Leader of the Labour Opposition, is visiting the Western Front early in the new year at the personal invitation of General Viscount Gort, the British Commander-in-Chief.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader, is expected to pay a similar visit a little later.

Profit-Taking On Cotton

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange was quiet to-day, industrials rising on a growing demand.

Kaffirs were better on satisfactory dividends.

Of the commodities, cotton, after opening at the maximum advance, slumped to the permissible decline on heavy general profit-taking.

The decline attracted some replacement in buying, but later there was general liquidation.

Viceroy Of India In Calcutta

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Viceroy of India has arrived in Calcutta, where he will spend Christmas.

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GERMAN WARSHIP RUNS TO SHELTER

The German "pocket battleship" Admiral Graf Spee, not the Admiral Scheer as thought earlier, is now safe in Montevideo Harbour where she is expected to remain for at least a month. The British warships did not enter port, anchoring in the outer harbour for a short time but disappearing over the horizon before morning.

The Graf Spee has landed thirty-six dead and sixty wounded, while she claims sanctuary on the grounds that her superstructure is damaged and it will take more than the twenty-four hours allowed by International Law for repairs to be completed to make her seaworthy.

The Uraguayian authorities have given permission for her to remain in port for thirty days and to bury her dead.

The Germans claim at the same time, however, that the casualties were caused by British mustard gas shells landing on the deck and that the warship is very slightly damaged and put into port only because she was running short of fuel. Britain has already denied the allegation.

The British cruiser Exeter, which first engaged the Nazi warship and suffered from the greatest attentions of the Nazi gunmen, is said to have been hit no less than seven times, twice on her superstructure and five times on the hull above the waterline. She was not sunk, though it is believed there were heavy casualties aboard.

The German ship landed six British ship's captains, presumably from ships she has captured and sunk during her short career in the southern Atlantic.

Monte Video, Dec. 14.

The Uruguayan authorities state that the Admiral Graf Spee, not the Admiral Scheer, was engaged in the battle.

The Admiral Graf Spee is the newest of the three German pocket battleships (others being the Deutschland and Admiral Scheer) and was completed in January 1936.

She has a normal complement of 926, a speed of 26 knots, a displacement of 10,000 tons, and carries six 11-inch guns, eight 5.9 guns, 14 anti-aircraft guns, and two aircraft.

The pocket battleships cost £3,750,000 each.—Reuter

Engagement Described

Montevideo, Dec. 14.

The pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee and the cruisers Exeter, Ajax and Achilles are anchored a few miles apart after the biggest and most dramatic naval battle of the European war—a two-day running fight in which the Admiral Graf Spee and the Exeter were damaged.

The Admiral Graf Spee lost 36 men killed and 60 wounded. The Exeter's casualties have not yet been revealed.

Official sources report the Admiral Graf Spee was hit three times on the Captain's bridge, officers' mess room, and powder room. Her Captain is reported to have been wounded in the arm.

It is also reported that the Exeter sustained one direct hit.

The Admiral Graf Spee was pursued relentlessly and did her utmost to escape to the open sea, but the speedier British vessels forced her to the coast, from which tens of thousands tensely watched her steam slowly in until she dropped anchor, followed by the British vessels which anchored at Punta Carreta, 10 miles south-east of Montevideo.

The German battleship later moved to the inner harbour, where the seriously wounded were disembarked and sent to hospital.

The President's Secretary, Mr. Hugo Ricaldone, announced later that the Admiral Graf Spee could remain in port 30 days because of her damaged superstructure. The British vessels are expected to establish a close watch to insure the enemy vessel never puts out to sea.

British Ships Arrive

Officials boarded and inspected the Admiral Graf Spee and afterwards stated to a correspondent that it was reported on board that the Admiral Graf Spee sighted the French steamer Formose and was approaching her, whereupon H.M.S. Ajax appeared on the horizon at full steam. The Ajax had meanwhile summoned the Exeter and Achilles.

The guns opened fire and the race began to shore. At 8.30 a.m. on Wednesday the real fight began at the mouth of the River Plate. In the afternoon the Exeter and Achilles appeared and the battle was continued. The ships were a mile apart and proceeded to shore.

The ships were sighted from the coast about 6 p.m., the Admiral Graf Spee far ahead. Heavy firing recommenced at 8 p.m., ceased, and re-started at 9 p.m. H.M.S. Ajax closed in and the Admiral Graf Spee was forced to port.

Meanwhile the French steamer Formose headed for Buenos Aires.

It is reported that when the British cruisers trapped the enemy vessel the latter was preparing to board the French steamer Formose to replenish her supplies.

The Admiral Graf Spee arrived in port with her searchlights playing on the beaches owing to her unfamiliarity with the port entrance. The Maritime Police immediately sent out a tug and assisted her to the anchorage.

Wounded On Exeter

The authorities granted the German Minister permission to visit the Admiral Graf Spee to collaborate with the Captain. Officials of the British Legation visited the Maritime Police and requested permission to board the Exeter, which is reported to be badly damaged.

Several doctors subsequently left aboard a tug to the Exeter to assist the injured, although the number of casualties on the British ships is not known.

When the German Minister, Herr Otto Langmann, returned from the Admiral Graf Spee, he made the accusation to the *United Press* correspondent that the majority of the sailors were injured by gas bombs. He said that several seamen were suffering from eye injuries.

At 2.40 a.m. to-day seven ambulances began the work of removing the wounded to hospital.

The authorities have granted the German Minister's request for burial of the 36 dead at Montevideo.

A spokesman of the German Embassy, authorised by the German Minister to make a statement to a correspondent, said there were 36 dead and 60 wounded aboard the Admiral Graf Spee because the British used mustard gas grenades.

The damage to the vessel was insignificant.

The spokesman added that six British Captains captured off the South African and South American coasts and held aboard the German ship would be landed at Montevideo.

The authorities at Punta Leste state that the Ajax formed a smoke screen in front of Punta Leste and thereafter started firing at the Admiral Graf Spee, which immediately answered the fire. Both ships continued to fire until they reached Punta Ballena, when the Admiral Graf Spee turned south-east.

Graf Spee Damage Severe

London, Dec. 14.

The damage to the Admiral Graf Spee is much more severe than was at first expected. She has a big hole in her control tower and the plane on her deck has been seriously damaged.

Some of her 11-inch guns have been put out of action.

The British cruiser Exeter, which was forced out of the action by having to reduce speed, is reported not to be seriously damaged.

The Ajax and Achilles are reported to have steamed out of sight of Montevideo harbour and cannot be seen this morning. The Exeter and Ajax are from Devonport and Chat-

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

CLOSE OF THE CURRENT SEASON

Confusion Bay Should Win The Hongkong Autumn Champions

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB will terminate their racing season to-morrow when the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting will be staged. The first saddling bell will be rung at the usual time 1.30 p.m. sharp. There are the usual eight interesting events on the programme, including three Autumn Champions over one and a quarter miles, confined to old China ponies, subscription griffins of this year, and the Australian ponies of any season.

After this meeting there will be no more flat racing at Happy Valley until Spring. Those, who have gone down in the sink, will undoubtedly have to exert a little of that golden gift of patience until the Annual Race Meeting, when the handicap contests are thrown into the shade, and money will then be much easier to pick up.

However, our Annual Carnival has unequivocally been the pride of the Colony's events on account of the popularity of the racing of Australian and China ponies, subscription griffins imported annualy by the Hongkong Jockey Club, but it is regrettable that there is not much prospect of seeing the latter in the arena at the forthcoming annual meeting.

It is learned from a reliable source that the fulfilment of the contract placed by the Club with the Russian dealer, Mr. Mordohovich, for the supply of one hundred China ponies to be raced in 1940 is very remote owing to hostilities up north, and the difficulty of obtaining an export permit from the Japanese Government.

It has not yet been possible to ascertain whether there will be any curtailment of the five days' programme, but judging by the number of Australian and China ponies we have had at the extra meetings, one feels that one has the right to predict that a good lot of these chargers will be brought into action at the 1940 annual meeting to replace the sub-griffins' events. The absence of "C", "D" and "E" classes will not then be so conspicuous at the Spring.

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ATTENTION of owners is drawn to the fact that nominations for the champion contest are post entries and they are reminded that ponies, whether Australian or China, for any of the Autumn classics must be declared in writing as starters by posting their names in the declaration box in the usual manner.

I would be looking through rose coloured spectacles should I attempt to suggest that there will be no opposition in the three Autumn classics. At any rate the convincing manner in which Baffin Bay annexed the Fremantle St. Leger argues very much in favour of one of the finest fights in the Queensland Autumn Champions, coupled with a big field.

LEADING JOCKEYS

I DO not propose at this juncture to review the 1939 racing season, but it may be of interest to know that Mr. Encarnacao will again head the list of winning jockeys as he has to date nine wins more than his second rival, Mr. V. V. Needa. Hereunder is a list showing the position of those jockeys, who have over ten wins during the season.

	Wins	2nds	3rds
C. Encarnacao ...	33	22	11
V. V. Needa	24	21	19
A. W. Raymond ..	19	9	11
D. Black	16	19	11
L. B. Chao	16	6	12
H. C. Pih	15	23	14
S. C. Liang	14	14	14

While on the subject it is interesting to reveal that no champion jockey in the past has got anywhere near the figure of 50 wins scored by Mr. L. G. Frost in 1935. It will be recalled that he was the champion jockey from 1930 to 1933, but he would have been at the top of the tree in 1934 were it not for his Home leave. Mr. Frost's best riding feat was 31 wins registered in 1932 with the inclusion of seven successes out of ten events at the Seventh Extra Meeting held on May 28.

CHANCE FOR OTHERS

THE main aspect of to-morrow's racing is that many ponies of different classes have been barred from the handicap events so as to give other steeds a chance of making a few dollars to provide for their "hay and corn", and in the circumstances many public idols will not be donning the silk. In other words, with the exception of the three Autumn Champions, the other five are more or less consolation events.

Daily Double Prospects

INCIDENTALLY the Tardy Handicap for "B" class, and the Last Chance Handicap for "C" class (both China ponies) have been selected for the daily double event, and there are 11 entries in each contest. The carrying over of a pool of $7,523, which punters failed to connect the second leg of the combination at the last meeting, is the other consolation to the regular followers of the turf, provided, of course, they can find the two right 'orses.

A close study of the entries seems to me that both events are very open, and in the circumstances I would strongly suggest that one cannot go wrong should he back all the ponies in the first leg by taking 11 chances on each runner. This would naturally involve an outlay of $605, and the second part of the gamble is to have a ticket on each starter in the second selected event.

Assuming there should be only ten acceptors for the first leg of the daily double event, one must also purchase 11 chances on each runner, and should there be only eight starters for the second leg, the excess (two remaining chances) can be placed on your own fancy. But whether the investment will be a remunerative one, I am not prepared to guarantee.

OPENING EVENT

Confusion Bay Certain

CONFUSION Bay is a dead certainty (as the water is in the harbour) for the opening event, the Hongkong Autumn Champions for China ponies over 1¼ miles, and Mr. Dunbar's candidate has only to canter the circuit to collect the first prize of $1,000.

It will be recalled that when they clashed in the October Handicap over the champion course, the winner (Confusion Bay) was conceding 17 lbs. of lead to Eve of Harvest, who was beaten by a short head, but to-morrow they meet on the scale weight for inches, and I therefore cannot see the possibility of the latter turning the tables.

Rose Elect, owned by Mr. Eu Tongsen, is definitely not starting as she lacks the strength over a distance run. Galaxy, the winner of St. Andrew's Stakes, is going to spend a quiet afternoon in his stall, while Hectic View, who was trounced by the former for the third place in the Hongkong St. Leger, is weighing-out to pick up the third place stake money. Navylight, the captor of the Hongkong St. Leger, is ineligible.

LAGGARDS' HAN'CAP

Vote For Pumpernickel

IN the Laggards' Handicap for "C" class Australian ponies over six furlongs, I will vote Pumpernickel once for the first position in the frame, but I have not been able to ascertain who is to be the jockey. The usual pilot, Mr. Proulx, is now in the Navy, and it is rumoured that the sailor boy will be on duty.

However, I do know that Brutus will be ridden by Mr. Pih, and he is dangerous. Either Dick Turpin or Macquarie River should fill the third position.

As an outsider I recommend Twilight Star, who has been well buttered with only 140 lbs.

DILATORY HANDICAP

Smiling Time Indicated

THE Dilatory Handicap for China ponies, subscription griffins of this season, that have not won more than $1,000, has drawn only eight entries and the run is over a mile. It looks that Smiling Time is going to have an easy time passing the

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Glenn Lee, the Nebraska Wild-cat, who meets Ceferino Garcia in Manila on December 23 for the world middleweight boxing title. Following glimpses of his training, several heavy bets have been placed on Lee to take the championship.

Hockey Meeting

Experimental Short Corner To Be Given Trial In Hongkong

At a Council Meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Association held yesterday in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, it was unanimously decided to give the new experimental short corner a trial throughout the season at friendly matches.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to notify the Hockey Umpires' Association to that effect, and to request that all umpires officiating at matches where the new short corner is to be experimented with to make a special note of the number of short corners given and the goals scored from them. All Club Hon. Secretaries will also be notified of the experiment.

A letter was read from the Macao Hockey Club to the effect that they had not yet held their annual meeting and that it was impossible at the moment to make any arrangements for the Interport against Hongkong.

They made mention of the fact that teams from Hongkong would be welcome in Macao on any Sunday.

Army And Navy XV's For Triangular Tournament Game

The Triangular Rugby Tournament match between Army and Navy will take place at Sookunpoo to-morrow at 4 p.m. Teams:

Army.—L/Cpl. Picton (Engineers) Spr. Artingstall (Engineers), L/Cpl. White (Engineers), Sgt. Lang (Ordnance), Lt. Skipwith (5th. Hvy. Regt.); Lt. Hook (6th Hvy. Regt.), Lt. May (Durhams); L/Bdr. Evans (5th A.A. Regt.), Cpl. Sutherland (Royal Scots), Lt. Hewitt (Middlesex), L/Bdr. Whitehead (5th A.A. Regt.), Pte. Berry (Middlesex); Capt. Duke (Royal Scots), Lt. Cuthbertson (Royal Scots), Lt. Pinkerton (Royal Scots).

Navy (from.—Pay. Lt. Stevens, Lt. Bax; Tel. Bowden, Tel. Paul, Mid. Nicol, Sub. Lt. Kennedy; Lt. Cdr. Clark, Lt. Carter, Sub. Lt. Plugge, Ldg. Wtr. Ferris; Ldg. Wtr. Barlow, Lt. Brown, L.S.A. Palmer, Flt. Lt. Taylor, P. O. Smart, C. Wtr. King, Lt. Bayley, Pay Lt. Charles.

Badminton Fixtures Amended

As there is still some doubt as to the correct fixtures in the Badminton League, Club Secretaries are requested to take note of the following amendments.

In the Mixed Doubles to-night, Recreio "A" will receive Taikoo, and not K.C.C. as shown in the handbook.

In the same league, it should be noted that on March 1 it is Recreio "B" which play at home to St. John's, and that the K.C.C. v. Taikoo match is now scheduled for March 15.

Amendments in the "B" Division are:

On January 3, Recreio play at home to St. John's, and St. Andrew's are at home to K.C.C., with V.R.C. receiving St. Teresa's.

On January 17, V.R.C. are at home to the K.C.C., and on March 13, St. Teresa's are at home to St. Andrew's, and not St. John's as shown in the handbook.

Middlesex Regt. Boxing Tourney

The inter-company (novices) team boxing tournament of the 1st. Battalion, the Middlesex Regiment, will be held at Nanking Barracks, Shamshuipo, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 18, 19 and 20, commencing at 7.30 p.m. each evening. Prices for admission will be $1 and 50 cents.

Kowloon Chess Club Defeat Victoria

A friendly chess match was held yesterday evening at the Gloucester Building when the Victoria Chess Club entertained the Kowloon Chess Club, but were beaten by four matches to two.

Victoria		Kowloon	
Sir Henry Pollock	0	D. E. de Carvalho	1
E. Zimmern	1	B. D. Evans	0
A. Brooksbank	0	H. W. Randall	1
C. E. Moore	0	A. Kurrik	1
A. E. Glanville	0	A. Y. Birlukoff	1
B. C. Field	1	P. A. Yvanovich	0
	2		4

Tennis

First Round Ties In Women's Tourney

Miss R. Rumjahn advanced to the second round of the women's singles tennis championship when she eliminated Mr. A. C. Hutchison 6-0, 6-3 on Sunday.

Mrs. N. W. Smeby has been given a walk-over by Mrs. Marriott.

Kowloon B.G.C. Teams

The following will represent Kowloon Bowling Green Club against Kowloon Cricket Club at tennis on Sunday, commencing at 2 p.m.:

Women.—J. Sturgeon, V. Clarke, E. Lawson, E. Turpin, P. Peckham, J. Rogers, J. Whyte and E. Hardie.

Men.—J. Sturgeon, C. E. Turpin, J. Douglas, L. Sykes, A. Rogers, F. F. Clarke, P. Peckham and J. Whyte.

Rifle Shooting

OVERSEAS POSTAL MATCH

Difficult Conditions At Kowloon City

CONDITIONS were far from ideal for the shooting of the Overseas .303 full range Postal Match at Kowloon City on Wednesday. The wind was variable and tricky though the light remained good, and it was probably this that accounted for the comparatively low scores at 300 yards. Both teams improved at 500 yards, and the aperture sights team scored more at 600 than at 300 yards.

A Spoon and Practice Shoot was also held, in which some seventy members took part.

Outstanding achievement of the Postal Match was that of Cpl. Langford (Middlesex) who, with open sights scored 44, 47, 42, making a total of 133 of a possible 150. This was equalled by Sgt. Russell (Police) who, firing with aperture sights, scored 46, 44, 43. Performances among others did not come up to expectations.

The results of the Postal Match will be made known in March.

In the spoon shoot, in which the teams did not compete, nett spoons were won by Flt. Sgt. F. Tollinson (R.A.F.) and P/Sgt. Chanchal Singh (Police), and handicap spoons went to L.A.C. Hunt (R.A.F.), W. H. Golder (R.A.F.) and Pte. R. M. B. Gutierrez (Volunteers).

Scores:

Aperture Sights

	300	500	600	Ttl.
P/Sgt. Chanchal Singh (4)	29	32	28	89
J. A. Guard (2)	30	31	28	89
L/Cpl. S. G. Brighty (3)	28	31	31	88
A. F. Evans (3)	26	33	28	87
L.A.C. L. R. Hunt (5)	27	28	31	86
Capt. F. Sale (4)	30	31	25	86
Cpl. V. M. Hammond (1)	25	31	29	85
F. G. Drake (3)	28	30	27	85
H. Langley (2)	30	28	26	84
S.L. C. C. Chau (Ser.)	31	27	26	84
H. G. Foreman (3)	31	28	25	84
P.S., K. C. Hoo (2)	30	30	31	83
A.S.P., D. Loie (3)	22	31	29	82

Open Sights

F/Sgt. F. Tollison (5)	27	29	32	88
P.C., Charan Singh (5)	28	29	28	85
S.I., H. O. Tso	27	25	27	79
L/Sgt. J. D. Remedios (8)	27	28	24	79
L/Cpl. A. D'Aquino (5)	24	29	25	78
A.C., W. H. Golder (11)	23	25	23	73
Cpl. J. C. Remedios (11)	25	27	20	72
Bdms. D. Bolam (9)	23	31	18	72
Lt. F. V. V. Ribeiro (0)	21	26	24	71
Spr. E. W. Allo (8)	23	25	23	71
L.A.C., T. H. Storey (9)	27	23	21	71
Pte. R. M. B. Gutierrez (13)	21	28	21	70
Cpl. A. F. Ferreira (14)	20	25	23	68
J. Hargreaves (11)	21	25	19	65
Bdms. K. Nix (11)	22	28	15	65
Pte. R. A. Castro (10)	25	25	15	65

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on **SATURDAY, 16th December, 1939,** commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor Exchange Building, (Tel 27704) will close at 12 o'clock NOON.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920)

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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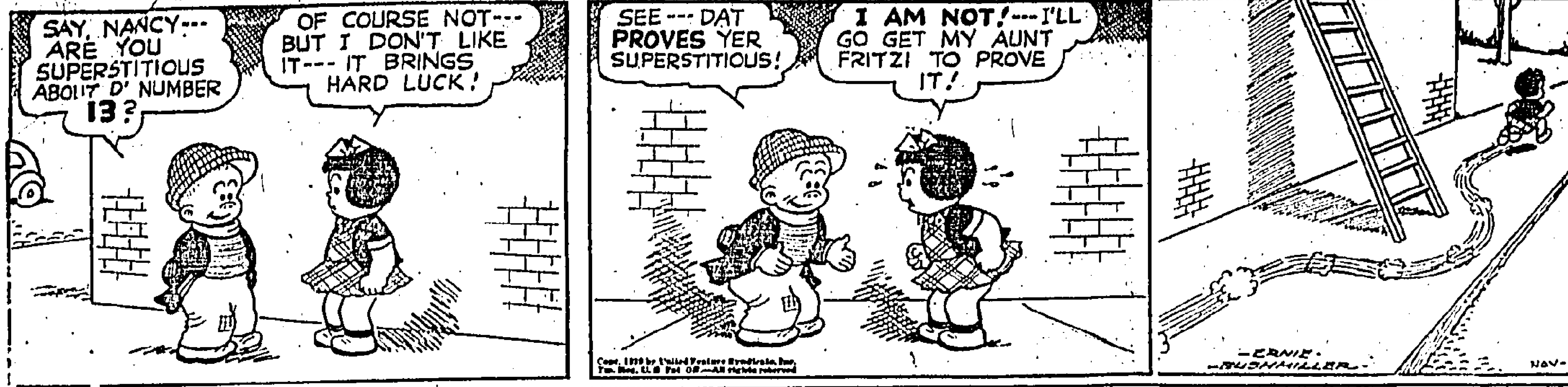

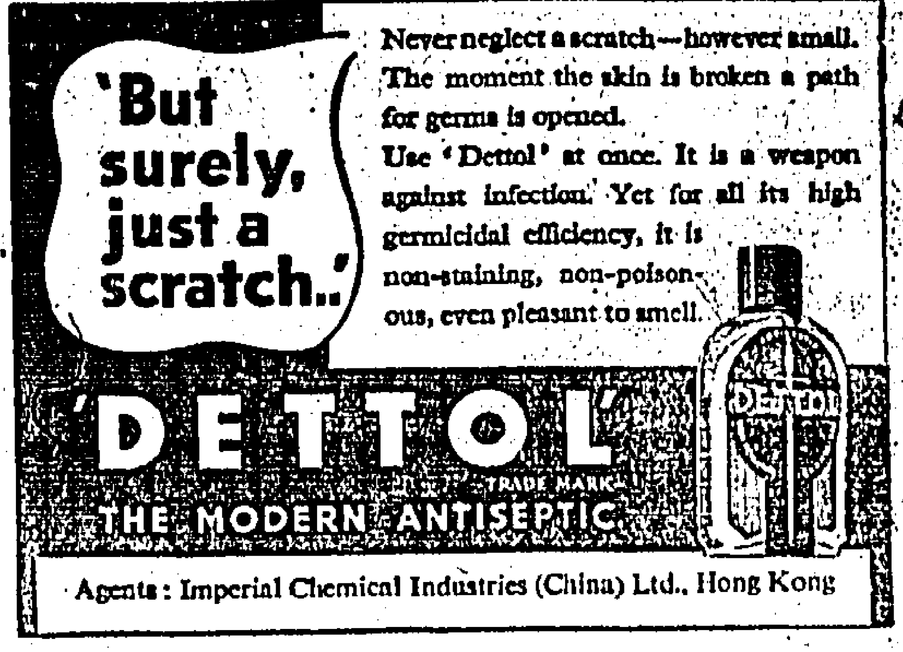

Problem Of Caddies At Fanling Golf Club

R. YOUNG ELECTED CAPTAIN AT ANNUAL MEETING

THE PROBLEM OF CADDIES at the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Fanling, was discussed by A. E. Lissaman, Captain, at the Annual Meeting of the Club held yesterday. Members were requested not to take matters into their own hands, no matter what the provocation, but to report and have the offenders dealt with through the proper channels.

Despite difficult times, he reported, the Club had had a very satisfactory year. A plan is being entertained for the extension of the Relief Course, adding another nine holes.

Mr. Lissaman said in part:

Bearing in mind the times through which we are passing the period under review has been very satisfactory. I do not mean that all our ambitions have been realised, because they have not; the most notable exception being the enforced postponement of the long awaited new Club house at Fanling. Arrangements were made for work to start in September; but the trend of world events caused your Committee to review the situation and it was decided to postpone the scheme.

The year that began so well ended under the gloom of war. This has affected many members and curtailed their play. It is an ill-wind, however, that blows nobody any good and your Committee have been able to extend to all Subscribers playing facilities over week-ends, a privilege of which they have availed themselves considerably.

Work during the year on the courses at Fanling consisted mostly of draining the low lying areas on the New Course and enlarging their somewhat feeble bunkers. The work was carried out by Mr. Hitchins with his usual ability and attention though he was hampered up to the end of June by excessive rainfall. After that date far less rain fell than usual, and in consequence the newly laid turf is not at the moment as good as it might be. You may have noticed too that we have been suffering since October from the effects of drought in the form of grubs and weeds in the greens and that the Courses have been unduly burnt up; the typhoon was welcome but it came too late.

COURSE EXTENSION

A caddie strike at Fanling in the Summer caused but slight inconvenience. The situation demanded and received firm handling and after a slight purge and some small changes in the organisation, the situation has since been quite satisfactory.

One thing I would like to ask is for members not to take matters into their own hands, whatever the provocation, in the course of a round. This may in some cases be asking a lot, but I would remind you that our caddies at Fanling have to leave us when they are 18; thus the bulk of them must necessarily be small boys, some of whom lack experience. Our very efficient method of caddie reports is quite sufficient to enable offenders to be dealt with through proper channels and the use of any other method acts against the interests not only of the individual member but also of those of the Club.

I recall Mr. Dodwell's dictum "an ounce of encouragement is worth a ton of abuse," and in order that members may not suffer unduly from the effects of a day in the country with a caddie not quite up to standard, that "ounce of encouragement" is being given by the Club in the form of caddie classes which have this year been inaugurated on a small scale under an ex-caddie. I hope members will assist in this experiment by coaching their caddies during their rounds.

HAPPY VALLEY CADDIES

At Happy Valley a caddie scheme on the same lines as at Fanling has been introduced and has been very successful in abolishing the former scrambling and fighting for jobs. On the same Course too, a complete new water system has been installed replacing many very old pipes.

Once again our members and others have contributed to the Children's Playground Association over $750 through the Club accounts alone.

The Secretary's and Superintendent's agreements have both been before your Committee, but here again the war has intervened and arrangements once practically completed have been upset. With the proposal to rebuild the club house at Fanling, it was necessary to keep in mind the organisation required to cope with the inevitable inconvenience of the necessary change over, and arrangements had been made accordingly. Now of course those arrangements have had to be abandoned and others more in keeping with the times and conditions have been substituted.

ACCOUNTS SATISFACTORY

As regards the accounts for the year, these must, I think, be regarded as extremely satisfactory. The profit on working is nearly $20,000, or $3,843 more than last year and this enables us to transfer over $17,000 to reserve.

Our total income increased considerably and our expenditure, which includes of course purchases for food and refreshments etc. increased, naturally; but the cost of administration etc. decreased. All reasonable economy has been exercised. Subscriptions have shown an increase which is encouraging and new members are still coming forward in considerable numbers.

The profits under practically all headings have been satisfactory. The only exception is that of Fanling Catering where profits probably do not altogether cover overheads including linen, crockery, servants, etc. Of course food and coal prices were slightly but steadily on the increase and this may be expected to continue. It may be necessary, therefore, to make a slight increase in the cost of meals though your Committee would do so only after the most careful consideration and on the grounds that it could not economically be avoided.

I may mention in passing that considerable stocks of liquor were purchased before the new duties came into force. Nevertheless, your Committee thought, as certain articles had to be purchased at the new rates, and partly to lessen the shock of a sudden considerable increase later, that it was best to increase prices by five per cent. as from December 1.

BUILDING FUND INCREASE

Once again we are on the right side as regards bad debts, and there was a satisfactory increase of $30,000 in our Building Fund which, at the end of the financial year stood at $114,000. This amount is still increasing with the welcome addition of new entrance fees.

Our buildings and equipment have been depreciated at the usual rates and, as maintenance has not been neglected, I think you will agree they stand in the books at a very reasonable figure.

I new propose that Report and Accounts for the year ending September 30, 1939 be adopted.

REPAINTED BALL RACKET

Seconding the proposal, Mr. A. Ritchie said everyone of them must agree that the results for the year had been most satisfactory. No item called for special attention unless it was what one might term the repainted ball racket. He did not know whether anyone had noticed that the profit on that item was no less than some 240 per cent.

Mr. Ritchie said he understood it was the intention to put air conditioning in part of the clubhouse, and he thought that, as time went on, special consideration should be given to have air-conditioning in the whole of the clubhouse.

Referring to Mr. Lissaman, Mr. Ritchie said his position was rather unique in that he was the Captain and champion in the same year, and suggested that Mr. Lissaman be re-elected, when the war was over, in order to give him an opportunity of enjoying a little of the comforts of the new clubhouse in the position of Captain.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

OFFICERS

Mr. R. Young was elected Captain for the ensuing year, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming re-elected as auditors.

Members of the Committee appointed were.—Messrs. D. H. Blake, A. D. Humphreys, A. E. Lissaman, A. K. Mackenzie, J. A. D. Morrison, H. H. Mundy, F. A. Redmond, A. Sommerfelt and G. C. Worrall.

Cabaret And Dance

Last night's charity supper dance and cabaret at the Peninsula Hotel, organised by the Hongkong Chinese Women's Club, was an outstanding success and thoroughly enjoyed by a very large attendance.

The function was in aid of Chinese Refugee Relief, and the British War Organisation Fund.

The Rose Room and Roof Garden were filled to capacity, and those who did not dance were entertained at mahjongg and bridge.

Among the cabaret turns was an interesting number performed by a group of talented Chinese society girls in an original setting. The number was an interpretation of an old Chinese fairy tale entitled, "Spring Song and dance of the Fairies."

Miss Colleen Ng Quinn took the part of the Queen of the Fairies, and sang well. The performers, who were beautifully costumed in traditional Chinese robes, were the Misses Ng Quinn, Gloria Yee, Doris Louey, May Ung, Emily Ko, Lucy Chan, Frances Lee, Kong Tak-chee, Doreen Weir, Constance Ng Quinn, Mrs. Judy Tam, Mrs. Elsie Lee Soong and Mrs. Bessie Ko.

Mrs. Percy Chen, who is well remembered for the Chinese Sword Dance number presented last year, was very graceful in a classical dance, "The Dying Swan." A ballet number was presented by little Miss Rosita Wu, a pupil of Miss Daisy O'Keefe, and gave an excellent performance.

The "Gay Nineties" number, given by request, proved popular, and loud applause greeted the act by the Misses Doreen Ma, Frances Lee, and Messrs. Herbert Tong, George Chow, Tommy Lee and Teddy Yip.

Other items in the cabaret programme were a tap dance by Mrs. Elsie Lee Soong, and Miss and Master Soong; an excellent exhibition of Indian club swinging by Mr. J. T. K. Gilchrist; and Chinese Music and a short play rendered by Messrs. Yau Hok-chau, Fung Wai-ki, Lo Pak-ha, Wong Loong, and the Misses Yeung Lai-tsun, Cheng Pik-ying and Chan Shuet-ying.

Mr. George Chow acted as Master of Ceremonies.

RACING REVIEW

(Continued from Page 8.)

(By "Capt. Foster")

post first, with Matador and Gog following the trail.

By virtue of his win in the Macau Handicap (second section) at Areia Preta last Sunday, Rose Day has incurred a penalty of 7 lbs. and even without the additional impost he has no chance of a place.

SUB-GRIFFINS' RACE

Win For King Kong

THE Hongkong Sub.-Griffins Autumn Champions will be a tame affair because there is not a candidate, in my opinion, to touch the mighty King Kong (Mr. Chao), to be followed by Musketeer (Mr. Liang) and Strathbannock (Mr. Black).

Celtic Star has to improve a little more before I can cast her my vote for a place. Marksman is not in his own, while Guinness Time (Mr. Encarnacao) is good for a long shot.

TARDY HANDICAP

Hard Task For Punters

THE first leg of the daily double is on the Tardy Handicap for "B" class China ponies over a mile. With the exclusion of ponies that have won two or more races, the field will not be a mediocre one, and punters will find a hard task to spot the winner. Furthermore, the two sections have been merged into one division, and the distribution of the lead has not left a terrible gap.

Humdrum Eve has been highly thought as the best 'un with the limit burden, and he is considered to be only a pound better than Jennifer and Rob Roy. However, a comparison of the weights of those who ran in the Sussex Handicap (six furlongs), and what they are set to carry in this event will undoubtedly prove interesting:

	Sussex H'cap	Tardy H'cap	Difference
Humdrum Eve (2nd)	152	168	plus 16
Jennifer	161	167	plus 6
New Star	150	156	plus 6
Rob Roy	161	167	plus 6

It will be seen that Humdrum Eve has been set to concede 10 lbs. to the above three ponies all of which are not bad milers. Rob Roy has a bad mouth, and they say the stable jockey does not like pullers.

But let us return to the Annual Carnival when Rob Roy with Mr. Encarnacao in the saddle annexed the Happy Valley Spring Handicap (first section), beating King's Warden (an "A" class pony) by one and a half lengths over a trip from the two mile post, once round and in. It should be borne in mind that the last mile of this particular run was covered in 1.55%, and, believe me, that was some going.

In the light of such a wonderful performance, I will not hesitate to nominate Rob Roy, with a proviso that the same rider is to be the pilot.

Mr. Eu Tong-sen has another candidate in Potentate, but, as the pony was always running in the second section, I do not for a moment think that Mr. Encarnacao will give preference to this chestnut. New Star should also be considered, but be careful with Lancashire Lass. It has been reported that Mr. Chao will be the jockey on the mare, and I am positive that he cannot tip the scale at 140 lbs. which is to be regretted.

AUSTRALIANS' EVENT

Best Of The Afternoon

THE best event of the afternoon will be seen in the Queensland Autumn Champions for Australian ponies over 1¼ miles and the first prize is $1,000 to the winner. The following are the probable starters and jockeys:

A Grand Time	Mr. D. Black
A Roaring Time	Mr. V. V. Needa
Baffin Bay	Mr. P. P. Botelho
Chiltern	Mr. C. Encarnacao
Courting Eve	Mr. H. C. Pih
Lancashire Chips	Mr. A. J. Hearne
Tornado Star	Mr. S. W. Pan
Triumphant Day	Mr. S. C. Liang

Lucky Lad, the winner of the Spring Champions, is ineligible owing to the fact that he has not won a race during the extra meetings. It is pretty hard on the owner in view of the fact that the pony was not provided with an open race other than the handicap events. Lucky Lad was placed second in three handicap events; the encumbrance of the avoirdupois robbed him the first position in the frame.

However, my fancy is Lancashire Chips, Baffin Bay and Triumphant Day, and I have a good reason to predict that they will cross the wire in the order I have named.

One would expect to see Mr. Black up on Baffin Bay, but it has been whispered that the change is due to the fact that Mr. L. Dunbar's candidate is a slug, and Mr. "Pinky" Botelho has a liking for a lazy snail. The combination, it will be remembered, was second in the Lanark Handicap, losing to A Grand Time by half-a-length, and the defeat was due to the difference of 25 lbs.

LAST CHANCE H'CAP

Further Difficulties

PUNTERS will find that the second leg of the daily double, which is the Last Chance Handicap for "C" class China ponies over a mile, is not an easy item to spot the winner. Boolat Bay, Dawn Star, Galveston Bay, National Pride, Rose Fiana, Tampa Bay and Taxing Master are the likely ones to be in the limelight.

A close study of last Wednesday's morning gallops would drive one to have his shirt on Galveston Bay, who covered the mile in 2.10⅘, the last six furlongs being done in 1.36⅘. The second best was Dawn Star's performance over the same distance in 2.11⅘, the last half-a-mile was better than Galveston Bay's. Although Tampa Bay took a little longer time to canter the mile, the bay pony has a pull of a stone against Rose Fiana, and it is, therefore, a serious question. I would like to consider a few more points before making my final selections, which will appear to-morrow.

FINALE HANDICAP

Piet Hein Should Win

The Finale Handicap for "D" class China ponies, which closes the racing season, has attracted only a handful of entries, and the run is over the mile course. Piet Hein should score his first win of the season for Hollandia, with Night View and Gold Coin in the rear.

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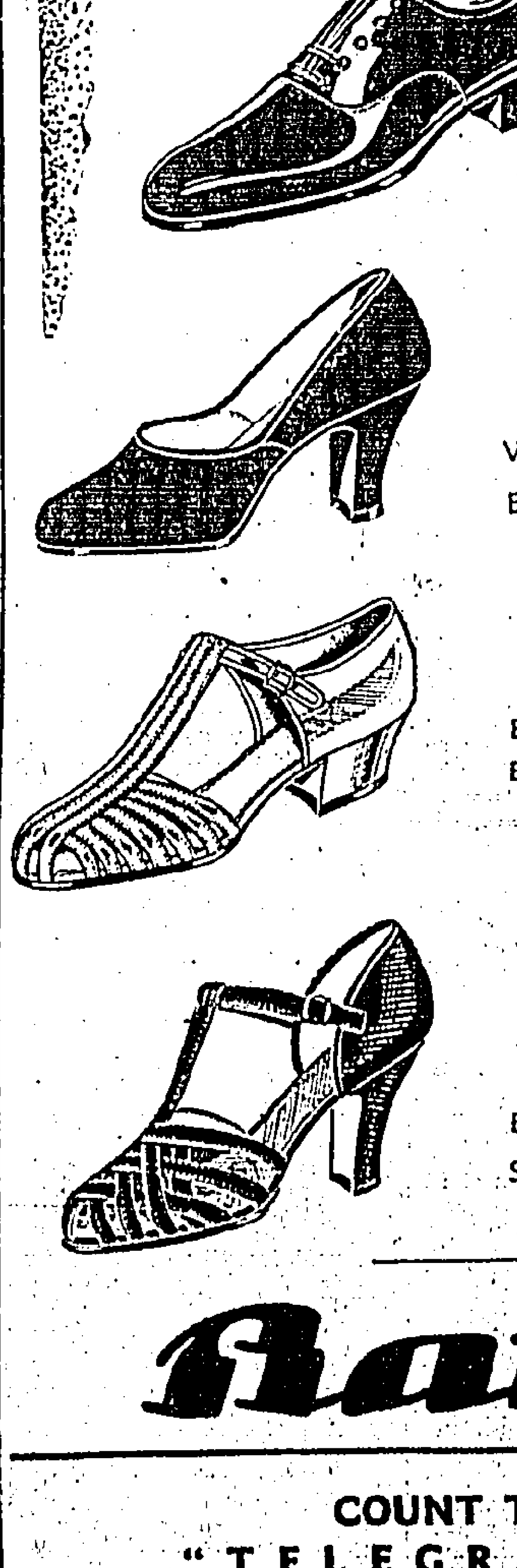

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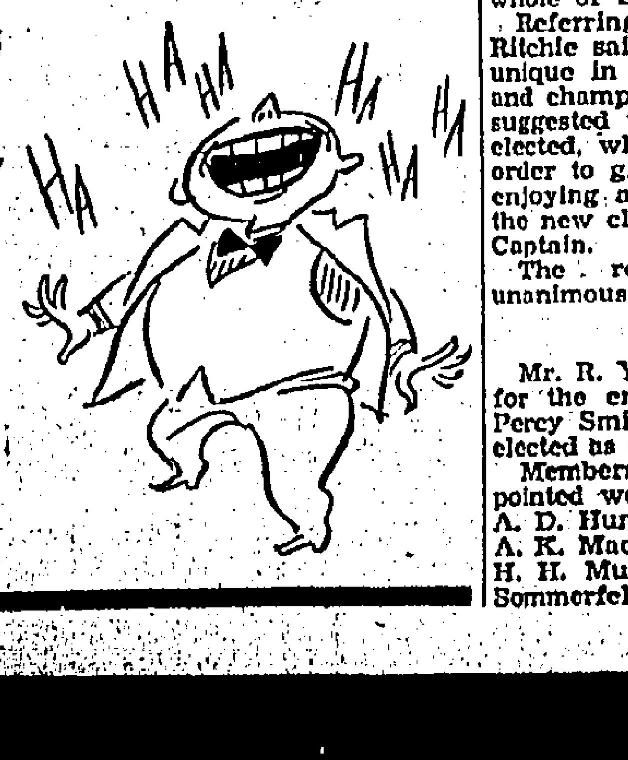

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Vivid Account Of Sinking Of Russian Ship

Tokyo, Dec. 14.

A lurid picture of the disaster which befell the 3,000-ton Soviet steamer Indigirka claiming a toll of several hundred lives, is given in a telephone message from Wakkanai.

The Soviet ship, with over 1,000 passengers, mostly fishermen back from Kamchatka and including 100 women, went aground at a point 800 metres off Kichibetsu at the north-eastern extremity of Hokkaido at 1.20 a.m. on Tuesday and immediately sprang a big hole.

The wireless operator sent S.O.S. messages immediately, but the radio apparatus was soon put out of commission by the water which flooded the vessel.

The skipper of the ship sent 20 members of the crew in two boats towards the shore to call for a rescue, but five out of ten men in one boat were washed overboard by heavy seas, while eight out of ten men in another boat shared similar fate.

Only seven out of 20 men managed to reach the shore, more dead than alive, about 3 a.m. They searched for a house amid the still raging blizzard and found a fisherman's house where they were taken good care of by its family.

Genichiro Kami, the fisherman master of the house, immediately reported to the Police station at Kishibetsu and also rang the alarm bell to call out villagers. The villagers immediately attempted to send rescue boats but their efforts were frustrated by heavy seas.

When morning came, efforts were renewed to send rescue boats, but in vain.

The chief of the Wakanai Police who dashed to Kishibetsu, requested the North Japan Steamship Company to send the 1,000-ton Karafuto Maru as a rescue ship to the scene.

The Karafuto Maru reached the scene at 7.30 a.m., on Wednesday. Before it arrived, however, those ashore saw helplessly some of the surviving passengers and crewmen still clinging to the side of the ship washed away by heavy seas.

The captain of the Karafuto Maru said, "I heard that the members of the ship's crew, numbering 36, extricated themselves by making a hole in the side of the ship when she capsized.

"Some 200 passengers failed to extricate themselves and must have been drowned."—Domei.

Earlier references to the sinking will be found on the Shipping Page.

WEEKLY TRAFFIC REPORT

During the week ending Saturday, there were in Hongkong 66 traffic accidents as the result of which a man was killed and 27 people were injured. The man killed died from injuries received while alighting from a moving bus.

Of those injured 18 were pedestrians struck by vehicles. A bicycle rider and a tricycle rider were injured as the result of collisions between vehicles.

Three tram passengers and four bus passengers were injured while alighting from moving vehicles.

Of 66 accidents, 23 were collisions between vehicles, 28 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 15 accidents were due to other causes.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"When To-morrow Comes" (Queen's): The Dunne-Boyer team get together romantically in this picture which is a pleasant piece of entertainment. Irene Dunne is a waitress who becomes romantically entangled with Charles Boyer, an eminent pianist. There is a distressing complication of Boyer having a wife who goes periodically insane.

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FANCY DRESS CHART

showing you how to suit your costume to your type

IF YOU'RE GOING to a fancy dress party within the next fortnight, and you're still minus a costume, spare a thought for your own personality, and don't swamp it with the wrong sort of dress. Decide on your type (the chart below does this for you) and do your best to get the detail right—the sketches will help you here.

Type	Height	Bust	Hips	Waist	Shoulders	Legs	Period
Venus	5ft. 4in.	34in.	35in.	27in.	Rounded	Well made	Early 19th Century
Petite	5ft. 5in.	33in.	34in.	24½in.	Shapely	Slim	Medieval
Boyish	5ft. 6in.	32in.	35in.	24in.	Square	Firm	Hanoverian
Athletic	5ft. 8in.	35in.	38in.	26in.	Square	Firm	Lancastrian
Full figure	5ft. 9in.	36in.	38in.	28in.	Round	Well made	Victorian
Mannequin	5ft. 10in.	34in.	36in.	25in.	Shapely	Slim	Norman

and sketches to guide you in the history of the matter

1 PERIOD : Early 19th century. CHARACTERISTICS: Tall frilled bonnet, frilly collar, long tailored gown of intricate design without belt or girdle. Slippers.

WELL SUITED BECAUSE : Dress has shaped shoulders, long "dressing-gown" style gives effect of height : tall bonnet also gives effect of height.

2 PERIOD : Medieval. CHARACTERISTICS : Tall steeple hat with hanging veil. Long trailing gown, shaped to body. Girdle and hanging pocket.

WELL SUITED BECAUSE : Accentuates figures, hangs well on shapely shoulders, steeple hat gives effect of height.

3 PERIOD : Hanoverian. CHARACTERISTICS : Turban-like head-dress, over-gown close fitting from shoulder to waist, low wide-hemmed collar, gown opens from waist downwards to show light underskirt.

WELL SUITED BECAUSE : Bunchy head-dress gives just right effect of height, tight-fitting and off-shoulder top gives slim, interesting effect, wide hips are lost in spread-out skirt, low hem collar gives fulness to bust.

4 PERIOD : Lancastrian. CHARACTERISTICS : Firmly tailored style in sober cloth with velvet facings. Girdled waist-hanging pocket. Bell-shaped skirt. Ruffle. Short steeple hat of soft material after the style of old-fashioned nightcap.

WELL SUITED BECAUSE : Tailored style accentuates body line. Wide hips lost in spread-out skirt. Ruffle collar suits stately neck.

5 PERIOD : Victorian. CHARACTERISTICS : Bonnet with bow and flowers. Large firm collar with bow. Puffed sleeves tightened at wrist. Firm waist-belt and crinoline.

WELL SUITED BECAUSE: Full figure carries large collar and puffed sleeves to advantage. Firm waist-line holds in body: Bonnet does not increase height.

6 PERIOD : Norman. CHARACTERISTICS : Tight long sleeves. Deep half-sleeves over them. Body draped in simple monk-mantle with wide designed headdress held in places with metal head-band. Pointed leather slippers.

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1—Provided with shoes
5—Female horses
10—Roams abroad idly
14—Fonder with close application
15—Suppress
16—Turkish gold coin
17—Imitates
18—Leaf of calyx
19—First man
20—Hate
22—Command
24—Metal deposit
25—Concealed
26—Inflated
32—Inferior animal
36—Lyric poems
37—Pierces with horns
39—Nathan
40—Hawaiian wreath
41—Run away to get married
42—Heaten
43—Real estate
45—Soak in liquid again
46—Body of water
47—Slumber
49—Drags
51—Turkish cap
53—Hearing organ
54—Nonconformist
58—Makes known
62—Level
63—Luxurious rich man
65—Appendage
66—Curve
67—Grecian island
68—Apparatus for heating small quantity of liquid
69—Roman Cupid
70—Slender stalk
71—Appear

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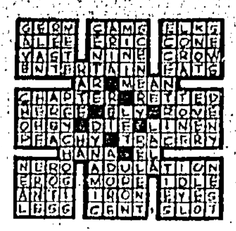

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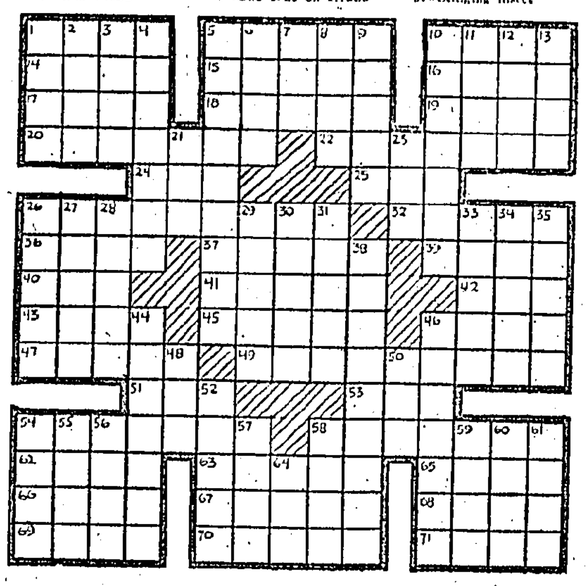
1—World War airplane
2—Expect cheerfully
3—Pertaining to Swedish coin
4—Hard masters
5—One sent on errand
6—To sheltered side
7—Tear up
8—Type of cheese
9—Digestive word in Bible
10—Make happy
11—Famous opera
12—Mild expletive
13—Alike
21—Anger
23—Sharpen point of Girl's playthings
26—Girl's playthings
27—Ultimate object of attainment
28—River in France
29—Deals out
30—Appearing as if gnawed
31—Railroad station
33—Man's name
34—Caused to suffer keenly
35—Watches over
38—Ninth month
44—Protects from harm
46—Robbers of sea
48—Caress
50—Smooth surface of
52—Covers with bluish-white metal
54—Goddess of youth
55—All time
56—Nevada city
57—Kind of fish
58—Very small bit
59—Distance over time
60—Prong
61—Successful play in bridge
64—Stinging insect



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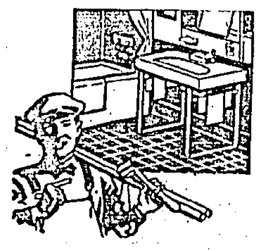

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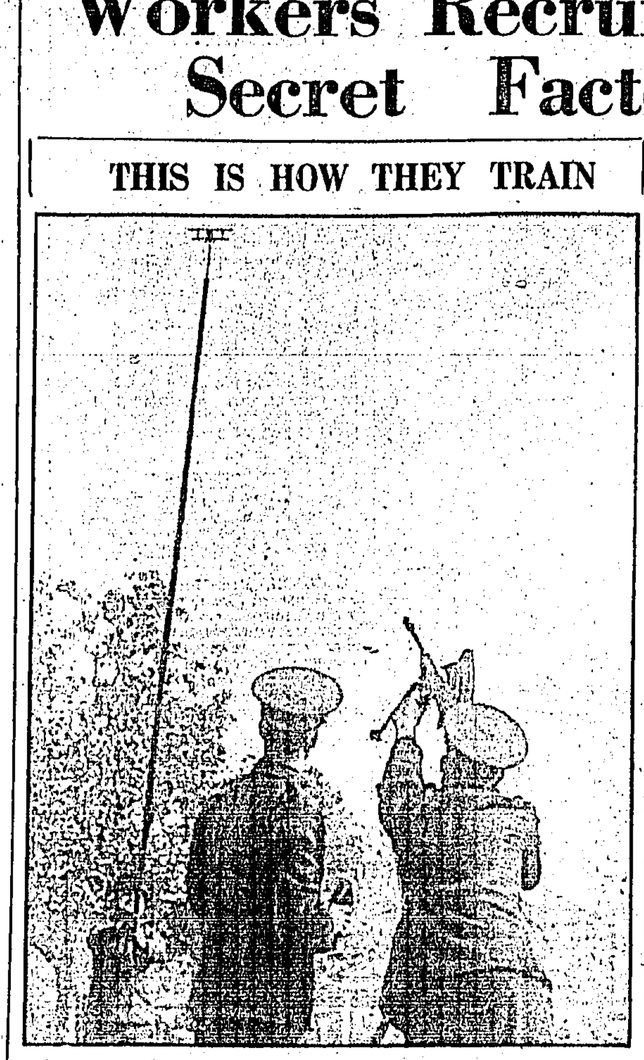

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Welfare Work

They will need varying degrees of experience. Those who have had previous experience on munition work will be specially welcomed.

But others whose previous experience has been limited to factory and mill work where manual dexterity has been a qualification will stand a good chance of being engaged.

The girls will be required to start work, in batches of several thousands at a time, within the next few weeks.

Adequate canteen arrangements are being made so that they can enjoy cooked meals in comfort, and a staff of women social workers is to ensure their welfare.

Transport to and from their work is also being arranged.

SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

'This Grey Life,' Says Goebbels

DR. GOEBBELS, Reich Propaganda Minister, admitted in a speech:

"The war has brought us numerous fresh sorrows. It is only natural that these sorrows, as they are so new and so heavy, are pressing upon the spirit of our people. Every day life seems to become greyer and more difficult than it used to be."

Dr. Goebbels was addressing a gathering of soldiers, artists, and workers in Berlin. He told them that "spiritual nourishment was particularly necessary in war-time."

"Man does not live by bread alone," he said, adding:

"You are here to proclaim to the world that art is not solely for whiling away time in peace, but is also a sharp spiritual weapon in time of war."

NO CHRISTMAS TOYS

GERMAN children will get no new toys for Christmas this year, it was revealed by the official radio. An order has been issued by the High Command forbidding the use of metal, wood, and textiles in their manufacture.

The Christmas holiday has also been cut by a day.

GERMANY IN DANGER

THE Freedom German radio told its listeners: "You must have realised now that it is a war not of defence but of cynical aggression. If we allow it to go on for years again it would be followed by hunger and want much worse than in 1918.

"Hitler told you that Germany was in danger. Hitler is right. Germany is in danger indeed, but its name is Hitler, and there is only one way out—a German revolution."

"SOCIALIST WAR"

GERMANY'S war with the Allies is Socialist war against Capitalism, according to the *Volkischer Beobachter*.

This latest war cry of the Nazis is stressed in a proclamation to German workers issued by Dr. Ley, Labour Front leader.

SOVIET DISAPPOINTS

THE German Press admits that the present state of the Soviet merchant fleet is highly unsatisfactory, and cannot be relied upon for the transport of large quantities of goods to the Reich.

Most of the steamers were bought second-hand, it says. Forty-two per cent. are more than 20 years old.

"No" To Duchess' Divorce

BECAUSE the Duke of Leinster no longer lives in Scotland the Duchess cannot apply in that country for a divorce.

Four Judges at Edinburgh have refused the Duchess' appeal against a decision by Lord Keith that he had no jurisdiction to hear her undefended action.

There was held to be evidence that the Duke intended to live in Eire.

It was mentioned that in Eire there was no right to divorce for misconduct.

"Black-faced Sheep"

The Duke, in his evidence, had stated, "If I had been alone I would never have gone anywhere but Scotland. My departures from Scotland have been to suit my wife. She said she couldn't live with black-faced sheep and lochs."

Mr. L. Hill Watson, K.C., for the Duchess, recalled the previous day that the Duke was declared a domiciled Scotsman in 1930, when he brought a successful divorce action against his first wife.

Acting on that declaration, the present Duchess married him.

The Lord President, giving judgment, said that between 1933 and 1937 the Duke did not live in Scotland.

In 1936 he had no house there, but spent some time in Scotland in a caravan.

OVERSEAS RECRUITS

London Ready To Welcome Them

In view of the arrival in England in the near future of Naval, Army, and Air Force contingents from oversea and of individual men and women offering their services, the Joint Empire Societies have set up a war hospitality committee, under the chairmanship of Field-Marshal Lord Milne, to provide for their reception.

In the immediate future the committee proposes to establish one or more hostels in London and to make similar provision in important training centres in districts, which will be indicated by the Government Departments concerned, where concentrations of men from oversea are to be expected.

In addition the committee proposes to organise the private hospitality which some of the societies have carried on in times of peace.

For this purpose offers are needed from hosts who would be prepared to entertain either officers or men or women for periods of leave or convalescence.

A central register of information is being organised for use in answering inquiries; and it is hoped to instal it (as in 1914-18) in a central position in London.

It will provide information on hotels, clubs, restaurants, entertainments, places of interest, and many other questions on which help will be welcome. It is also planned to publish a handbook for distribution to officers and men, if possible before they leave their home country, so that they may have the essential addresses for ready reference.

Substantial funds will be needed to carry out the committee's programme, and the Empire societies for generous contributions.

The headquarters of the committee are at the Royal Empire Society, and all donations and communications should be sent to the secretary, The Empire Societies' War Hospitality Committee, care of The Royal Empire Society, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2.

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SAIGON CONFERENCE

Japanese Operations In Kwangsi Discussed

Shanghai, Dec. 14.

Japanese reports state that an Anglo-French conference is being held in Saigon Indo-China, concerning the Japanese operations in south-west Kwangtung and Kwangsi, protection of Anglo-French shipping in the Far East and steps to cope with possible German raiders in the Pacific.

High British and French naval and army officers from Hongkong and Singapore are participating.

The *Yomiuri Shimbun* of Tokyo stated that the Japanese consul general in Haiphong has asked the French authorities to stop the transit of arms to this country via Indo-China.—*International.*

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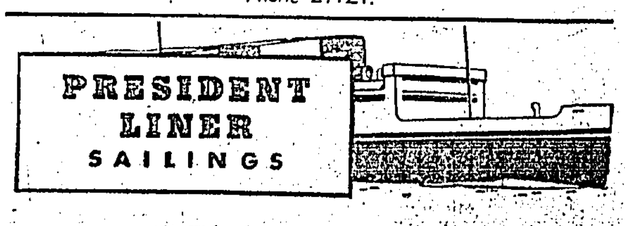

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Many gathered at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday to hear Mr. Colin R. Eddison speak on "The Science of Christ-Healing."

Mr. Eddison, who is a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, gave instances of the miracles worked in the lives of various people by Christian Science and declared that the Bible held all the great truths of life.

Mrs. R. D. Smith, presiding, said in her own experience she had many proofs of the healing power of Christian Science.

The following is a summary of Mr. Eddison's address:

Christian Scientists turn naturally to the Bible to learn about God, for no body of people holds the Bible in greater reverence. It was in the Bible that Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, discerned the truths she afterwards set out in the Christian Science textbook; "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," and her followers find that the Bible grows more and more important to them in their daily lives as they study its pages in the light thrown upon them by Christian Science.

As a result of her deep and persistent study of the Scriptures and of her spiritual inspiration Mrs. Eddy was able to answer the question "What is God?" in the Christian Science textbook as follows: "God is incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love" (Science and Health, p. 465). This, then, is the God whom Christian Science enables us to know and understand, and to find "forever near," because, being infinite, He is ever present.

The way in which Christian Science enables us to know God is by helping us to understand more intelligently the life and work of Christ Jesus.

"Christ" and "Jesus"

Christian Science explains that there is a distinction between "Jesus" and "Christ": the term "Christ" is not merely a synonym for "Jesus." The human Jesus was the best and greatest man that ever lived. His example remains forever as the standard for Christian living. He is the Way-shower, in whose footsteps Christian Scientists endeavour humbly to follow. It is impossible to exaggerate the debt which the world owes to the Founder of Christianity. He went about doing good—he healed the sick, fed the hungry, raised the dead.

What was it that enabled him to do all this? Christian Science teaches that it was the Christ, Truth, which Jesus understood in fullest measure. Jesus, as Mrs. Eddy has pointed out, is a human name which the Master shared with others of his race; Christ, on the other hand, is a divine title which refers to the spirituality expressed throughout his life and teaching. In Science and Health (p. 583) may be found this definition of Christ: "The divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error."

Our Master said, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh [that is, matter] profiteth nothing." When he healed a woman who is described as having been bowed together for eighteen years, he said that Satan, the devil, had bound her—and elsewhere he said of the devil, or evil, that "he was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him." That which has no truth in it cannot be real. Christian Science therefore teaches that evil and all its manifestations are untrue, unreal; and the destruction by Christ Jesus of sin, disease, death—all manifestations of evil—confirms that conclusion.

Human Understanding

We read in the book of Revelation, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." The Christ, Truth, is knocking to-day at the portal of human hearts and minds in the teachings of Christian Science.

A study of the Bible in the light of Mrs. Eddy's works brings Christ to the human understanding; it teaches us that God is Spirit, Mind; Life, Truth, and Love; it shows us man reflecting the perfection of his creator. Thus our concept of ourselves and of our fellow man is spiritualized and purified through repentance, or change of thought, and through prayer. In this way, and by these means, Christian Science offers to all mankind health of mind and health of body, peace, freedom, strength, happiness—salvation. In the words of our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, in her "Miscellaneous Writings" (p. 154): "Abide in His [God's] word, and it shall abide in you; and the healing Christ will again be made manifest in the flesh—understood and glorified."

LATE NEWS

PEIPING APATHY

"Puppets'" Anniversary Celebrations Flop

PEIPING, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Despite intense propaganda, the granting of a public holiday, decoration of streets and organised public meetings, the second anniversary of the installation of the Peiping Provisional Government has apparently failed to elicit any enthusiasm from the Chinese public.

Celebrations coincided with the arrival of the Nanking delegates to attend the "United Council" meeting to discuss the position of North China in the proposed new Central Government, but owing to the absence of Wang Ching-wei, it is considered of little political importance.

Mr. Kato, the Japanese Ambassador-at-large in China, stated in an interview that his visit was merely a route inspection and emphasised that the present situation involving the restriction of foreign interest would be changed after the conclusion of peace.

BRITAIN STILL PROTESTING

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, the Prime Minister said that the British Ambassador in Tokyo on October 10 made strong representations to the Japanese Government regarding the non-payment of interest due to the British shareholders of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway.

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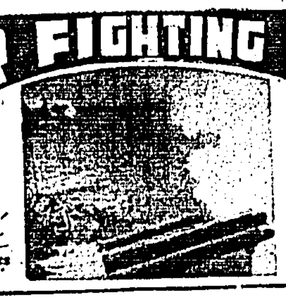

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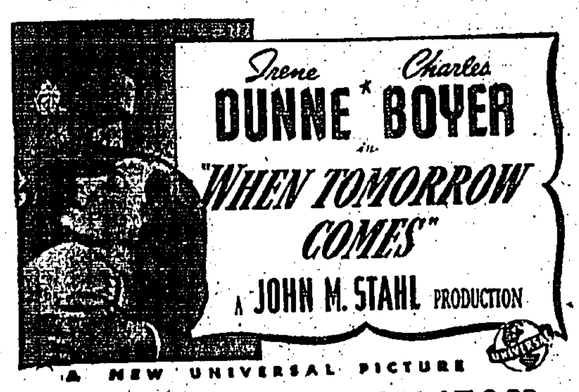

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NAZI RAIDER MAY SAIL TO DOOM TO-MORROW

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, DEC. 14 (U P).—GERMANY'S NEWEST "POCKET BATTLESHIP," THE ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE, MAY HAVE TO SAIL TO HER DOOM TO-MORROW.

Her wounded Commander has not applied to the Uruguayan authorities for permission to remain more than the customary 24 hours permitted belligerent warships in neutral ports.

But, in any case, it is not likely that an application would be granted, since the Admiral Graf Spee has not been damaged to an extent that makes her unseaworthy.

It is believed that the Uruguayan authorities will permit an extension to 48 hours, in order to permit the burial of the Admiral Graf Spee's dead.

Permission has been granted for an armed landing party to attend the funeral.

The total number of dead is now 36.

In the House of Lords to-day the Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, Lord Chatfield, said that International Law in relation to the Admiral Graf Spee was under active examination between the British and the Uruguayan Governments.

It is pointed out in British naval circles that the provisions of Articles XIV and XVII of the Hague Convention of 1907, which contain the rules of International Law relating to the repair of belligerent ships in neutral ports, do not distinguish between damage sustained in action and damage due to other causes.

There is substantial support for the view, says a "British Wireless" message, that any extension of stay or use of Uruguayan shore facilities to repair the damage caused to the German ship should not be allowed.

A number of neutral governments have already issued express regulations denying the use of shore facilities or any extension of the permitted stay of 24-hours if the damage is due to enemy action.

Ordered To Leave ?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 14 (UP).—There are indications that the Uruguayan Government has decided to order the Admiral Graf Spee to leave port within 24 hours of her arrival, in accordance with International Law.

The Uruguayan Government is believed to have acceded to the British request that its course of action be based on the Hague Convention rather than on the provisions of the recent Panama Declaration of Neutrality.

Contradictory Report ?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 14 (Domei).—Dr. Alberto Guani, the Uruguayan Foreign Minister, has announced that the German pocket-battleship Graf Spee has been permitted, in accordance with existing international regulations bearing on neutral countries, to remain in the harbour of Montevideo until completion of repairs.

Note To Uruguay

LONDON, Dec. 14 (UP).—It is understood that Britain is formally presenting a Note to Uruguay, arguing that the German ship should not be permitted to remain in Uruguayan waters for more than 24 hours without internment. The Note points out that the raider entered harbour at full speed, thereby proving her seaworthiness.

Government Consult

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 14 (UP).—It is officially announced that the British and Uruguayan governments are now actively discussing the question of the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee.

In the House of Lords to-day, Lord Chatfield, British Defence Minister said: "I do not doubt that the Graf Spee will soon be at sea again."

Diplomatic Activity

Rear Admiral Gustave Schroeder, Inspector General of the Uruguayan Navy said: "If the damage to the Graf Spee makes it necessary, she may remain for more than 48 hours in port."

Further reports from Montevideo state that the German Minister is seeking permission to disembark the German ship's crew, while Washington reports say the Argentine Ambassador has arranged to visit the United States Department of State,

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61 Britons Released In Montevideo

RAIDER SANK 45,000 TONS OF SHIPPING

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 14 (UP).—During her short career as a predatory raider the Nazi pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee destroyed over 45,000 tons of British shipping.

Among her victims was the British steamer Clement, whose crew were taken aboard the American liner City of Flint and were subsequently released in Norway.

The crew of the Clement were emphatic at the time that their victor was the pocket battleship Admiral Scheer. The evidence they gave led to the impression that it was the Admiral Scheer, and not the Admiral Graf Spee, that was loose with the Deutschland. It is now probable that the Admiral Scheer is still in a German port, leaving only the Deutschland loose upon the high seas.

Sixty-one prisoners were released at Montevideo to-day, after they had signed pledges that they would not go to sea again until the end of the war.

They included Captain F.C.P. Harris, Master of the Clement. Together with his Chief Engineer he was taken aboard the Admiral Graf Spee before his ship was shelled and sunk.

All of the 61 prisoners landed at Montevideo were British.

They were overjoyed at regaining their freedom, and expressed their jubilation unrestrainedly.

All appeared to be in good health. Some were bronzed and most were unshaven.

Graf Spee's Victims

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 14 (UP).—The British Consulate reveals that the Admiral Graf Spee sank nine British steamers during her short history as a raider.

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EXETER'S LOSSES

Planes Used To Save Critically Wounded

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PUERTO BELGRANO, Argentina, Dec. 14 (UP).—H.M.S. Exeter, which was crippled in the fight with the Admiral Graf Spee yesterday, is arriving here to-morrow with her dead and wounded.

The authorities have been requested to provide one hundred beds for the wounded.

The number of dead is not stated. Because of the time involved, some may have to be buried at sea.

A dramatic effort was made by Exeter to save the lives of three men who were seriously wounded.

One of the Exeter's two seaplanes arrived here this afternoon with three critically wounded men as passengers.

They were immediately rushed to hospital for operations.

Two of the men have since died.

The Exeter will go into dry-dock as soon as she arrives.

Exeter Sighted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 14 (Domei).—The cruiser Exeter which was damaged during yesterday's engagement, appeared within 15 miles of the port of Montevideo soon after daybreak to-day. It is believed that the ship will enter port for repairs.

R.A.F. OVER NORTH SEA

Big Battle Over Heligoland

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that throughout the last 24 hours considerable forces of the R.A.F. have been operating over the North Sea.

Their operations have included a wide search for enemy surface craft, submarines and a close reconnaissance of the estuaries and fortified islands in north-west Germany.

One formation of our aircraft engaged a strong enemy formation at Heligoland.

In the course of intense fighting, four Messerschmidt fighters and three R.A.F. aircraft were shot down.

All our other formations returned without loss.

Death For Two Murderers

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—James Richards (29) and Peter Barnes (32) were found guilty of murder to-day on the Coventry explosives charge and were sentenced to death.

Joseph Hewitt (31) and the two women, Mary Hewitt (22) and Brigid O'Hara (49), were found not guilty, but are remaining in custody pending further charges.

It was alleged that they murdered four men and a woman who were killed in a bomb explosion in Coventry on August 25.

Uruguayan Rioting

People Don't Want To Aid Nazis

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Remarkable scenes were witnessed in the Uruguayan capital this afternoon as a sequel to the arrival of the battered Nazi warship, Admiral Graf Spee.

Over 20,000 persons staged a violent anti-Nazi demonstration because of reports that she is being permitted succour for 30 days and the Police were compelled on several occasions to charge at the crowd.

Workmen in the local dockyard have threatened to go on strike if the Graf Spee is put into dock for repair.

Meantime, the British authorities have requested the Uruguayan Government to take measures to intern the Graf Spee for the duration or alternatively compel her to leave.

It is contended that when a belligerent warship is hotly pursued into a neutral harbour, she cannot claim refuge for more than 24 hours.

The British authorities, on instruc-

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THE RULE OF 24-HOURS

Article 12 of the Hague Convention of 1907 reads:

"In default of special provisions to the contrary in the laws of a neutral Power, belligerent warships shall not remain in its ports, roadsteads, or territorial waters of the said Power for more than 24 hours."

Article 14: "A belligerent warship may not prolong its stay in a neutral port beyond the 24 hours, except on account of damage or stress of weather, and must depart as soon as the cause of the delay is at an end."

No exception can be taken to these rules by either belligerent, says Pitt Cobbett's "International Law."

"An extension of stay contemplated in the case of repairs does not properly extend to the repair of injuries received in battle, or repairs so extensive as to involve a restoration of the fighting power of a vessel which was at the time completely disabled.

WATCH FOR MARAUDER

Little Hope Of Escape Now

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 15 (UP).—The Admiralty officially announces that two cruisers "and reinforcements" are now awaiting the Admiral Graf Spee at the mouth of the River Plate.

Cumberland Arrives

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 15 (UP).—It is reliably learned that H.M.S. Cumberland, a temporary pre-war flagship of the China Station, has arrived in Uruguayan waters to reinforce the death watch on the Nazi cruiser Admiral Graf Spee.

The Cumberland is a 10,000-ton cruiser armed with eight 8-inch guns.

It is also reliably learned that a German Note to the Uruguayan Foreign Office has requested permission for the landing of an armed force from the Graf Spee to bury the thirty people killed in the naval action with the British warships.

British Cruisers Out of Sight

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 14 (Domei).—The German pocket-battleship is expected to leave port within 24 hours.

The British cruisers, Achilles and Ajax, which approached the port in pursuit of the German ship yesterday, could not be sighted outside the harbour early this morning.

It is believed that the British warships are waiting to way lay the German pocket-battleship as she clears Uruguayan territorial waters.

The captain of the Graf Spee up to 0 o'clock this morning has not applied for permission to prolong its stay in the port.

Under International Law, the raider will be obliged to clear port within 24 hours of its arrival, that is, by midnight to-night.

Death Watch Starts

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 14 (UP).—H.M.S. Achilles has started a death

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FURTHER DETAILS OF FIGHT

Retreat That Became Flight

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Press reports state that Commodore Harwood made Nelson's famous signal, "England Expects Every Man to Do His Duty," from the cruiser Ajax before going into action against the Admiral Graf Spee.

GRAF SPEE BADLY HIT

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 14 (UP).—A "United Press" survey of the exterior damage to the German ship revealed that two shells pierced the thick armour plating of the fighting tower, entering on the port side and emerging on the starboard side.

Armour Pierced

Two sections of thick armour plate were smashed in the forepart of the ship on the starboard side and five impacts, apparently from small shells, were noted on the water line on the port side. One of two airplanes on the ship's flight deck had its tail shot off and part of the fuselage is gone. The extent of damage to the interior of the ship cannot be ascertained because nobody is allowed aboard.

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Further details which have now become available regarding the South Atlantic naval battle show that the Exeter was patrolling the South Atlantic early yesterday when she contacted the German warship in a latitude south of Brazil.

A running fight ensued, during which the Achilles and the Ajax arrived.

The two latter vessels gradually forced the Graf Spee southward and westward.

Retreat Becomes Rout

The British cruisers used smoke-screens and made lightning thrusts with such skill and daring that the Graf Spee was eventually forced to retreat to neutral waters.

When 12 miles off Punta do Leste and in full view of the shore, the Graf Spee converted her retreat into open flight.

The battleship, with her main control searchlights damaged, evidently feared a night attack by the British

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MUSTARD GAS CLAIMS FINALLY EXPLODED

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The mustard gas shell allegations put out by the Nazi Legation has been completely exploded by the examination of the casualties by Uruguayan medical officers.

The Medical Officer in charge of the port says that all the injured were wounded by shell splinters.

Not one was suffering from the eye injuries associated with mustard gas.

FINNS SET TORCH TO MANY TOWNS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OSLO, Dec. 14 (UP).—The lurid glare of a dozen villages burning on the other side of Norway's Arctic frontier with Finland spells the doom of Finland's resistance in the Petsamo area, it is believed.

The Finns have torn a page from China in its resistance to Russia in this area.

As the populace streams over the frontier into Norway, they are setting the torch to their homes, so that the invaders will gain nothing but ashes when they accomplish the occupation of the border area.

From the sanctuary of Norwegian territory, the Finnish civilians—only a few of whom are men capable of bearing arms, the majority being women and children—are stoically watching the raging infernos that are consuming their homes.

No Finnish soldier has yet crossed the frontier.

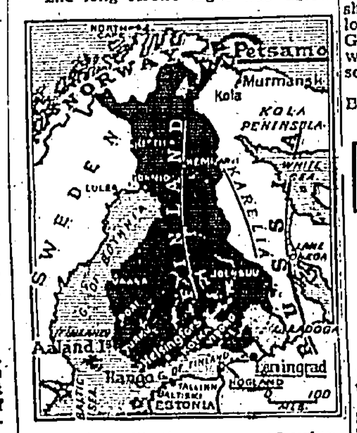
The Finns, forced to retreat from Salmijaervi by the sheer weight of the Russian mechanized units, are constructing their last lines of defence with the Norwegian frontier at their backs.

Fight To End

They are determined to fight to the bitter end.

From the heights on the Norwegian side of the frontier, the scene below is an awe-inspiring one.

The long Arctic night was aglow



for miles with the carnage of voluntary destruction, as village after village was set alight.

This morning, little remains except blackened ruins.

Salmijaervi Evacuated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KIRKENAESS, Dec. 14 (UP).—**The Russians have already begun to enter Salmijaervi, the Arctic town which is Finland's last defence in the Petsamo area.**

The Finns have now dug into trenches which are only 1¼ miles from the narrow Norwegian border.

Salmijaervi is completely aflame. The retreating Finns saturated the entire city with kerosene and dynamited all important buildings.

In addition to Salmijaervi, the border towns of Toellevi, Kivolatta and Kolvisjoki have been voluntarily razed.

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NINE NAVY VICTIMS

1,635 Men Lost In British Warships

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 14 (UP).—**Authoritative naval quarters reveal to-day that in September, October and November, Great Britain lost 82 merchant ships with a total displacement slightly less than 300,000 tons.**

The British navy has lost nine ships, totalling more than 50,000 tons, and 1,525 men.

Three additional cruisers and the training ship Iron Duke, formerly a first-line battleship, have been damaged.

Naval quarters ate that there has been a steady monthly decrease in ship losses since September, when the losses were extremely large because German submarines were already waiting for their prey on the high seas.

It was estimated that the lost British merchant tonnage in Novem-

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LATEST

London Jubilation

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—This morning's newspapers hail the naval victory.

Commentators declare that the battle has proved that the 'pocket battleships' are not so powerful or well-designed as was believed.

The British cruisers must have been skilfully handled, however, to avoid serious damage from the Nazi cruiser's 11-inch guns.

The "Times": "The notable discomfiture of the greater by the lesser armament can only be explained by the outstanding superiority of the seamanship and gunnery of the British ships."

The "Daily Telegraph": "The 'pocket battleships' were designed to dispose of the light cruiser, but the event was the opposite intended."

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JACK DEMPSEY HERE ON MONDAY AFTERNOON

JACK DEMPSEY, famous ex-heavyweight world boxing champion, will arrive at Hongkong for a visit by the Pan-American Airways China Clipper on Monday afternoon.

Dempsey, who is to referee the Garcia-Lee fight at Manila on December 23, has notified Pan-American Airways office in Hongkong that he intends to fly on here to have a look at the Colony. He is expected to arrive at 2.30 p.m. and to return to Manila by the same plane the next day, after spending the night.

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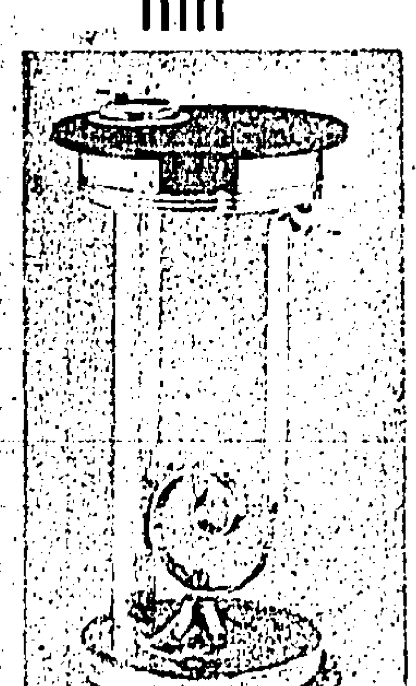

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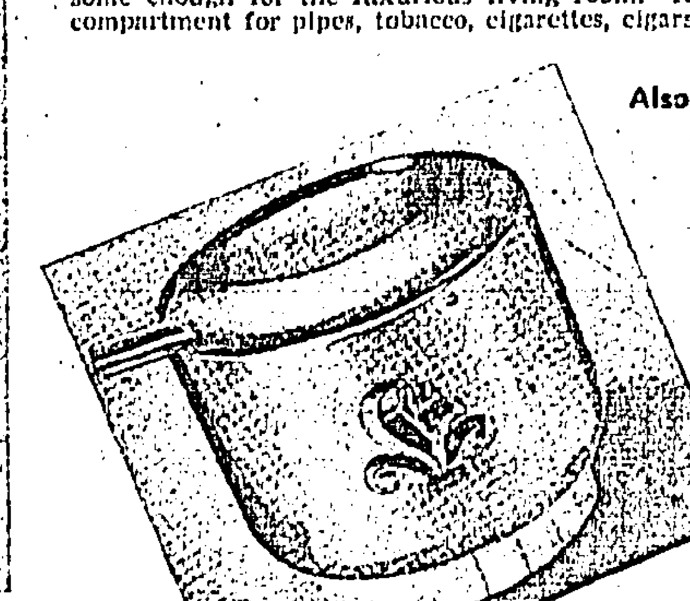

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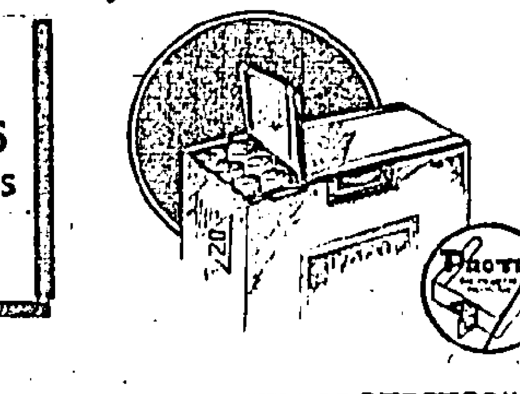

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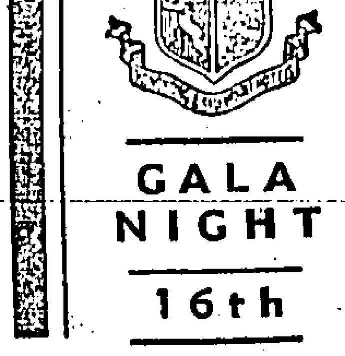

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 **Billy Cotton and His Band.**—Everybody Kiss Your Partner, You Started Me Dreaming, The Glory of Love, Got To Dance My Way To Heaven, I Nearly Let Love Go Slipping Through My Fingers.

12.16 **Piano Duets by Rawicz and Landauer.**—"The Street Singer," Valse Des Fleurs (from 'Casse Noisette Suite'), Sleeping Beauty Waltz.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 **Louis Levy and His Gaumont-British Symphony.**—"Firefly" Selection, The Eyes of the World Are On You, My, What A Diff'rent Night, Everybody Dance, Turning The Town Upside Down, Taking A Stroll Around The Park, "The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle" Selection.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 **Beethoven—Symphony No. 1 In C Major, Op. 21.** B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 p.m. **Tartini, Sonata for Violin and Piano ("Devil's Trill").** Yehudi Menuhin.

6.15 **Bach—Suite No. 4 In D Major.** Adolf Busch Chamber Players.

6.40 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.42 **Songs by Beniamino Gigli (Tenor).** Forbidden Music, The Stars Were Shining, Woman Is Fickle.

6.51 **Albert Sandler and His Orchestra with Jessica Dragonette (Vocal).**—The Lost Chord, Sanctuary of the Heart, Will You Love Me, Love's Joy, Back Eyes, Souvenir D'Ukraine, Grinzing, Remembrance, Alice Blue Gown, Through The Doorway of Dreams, You Are My Heart's Delight, Patiently Smiling.

7.30 **London Relay—The News.**

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 **Light Orchestral.**—In The Sudan, Babylonian Nights, "The Waltz Dream" Selection, A Frangesal, Parade Of The Imps.

8.23 **Benno Moiseiwitsch at the Piano.** Mouvements Perpetuels (Poulenc); Etude (Stravinsky) Flirtations In A Chinese Garden (Chasins).

8.30 **Studio—Dr. T. Z. Koo of The World's Student Christian Federation, Geneva, in "Folk Songs of Cathay."** Illustrated by Flute.

8.50 **Orchestral Interlude.** Suite Orientale (Popy), Marck Weber and His Orchestra, La Folletta (Marchesi), Melodious Intermezzo (Kotscher), Erich Olschewski and His Orchestra.

9.05 **Studio—Comments on Recent Events.**

9.15 **London Relay—News Summary.**

9.30 **London Relay—"World Affairs."**

9.45 **Walton—Facade Suite.** London Philharmonic Orchestra.

10.00 **Studio—"The Beauty of England"**—3: The Third of a Series of Talks by The Very Rev. The Dean of Hongkong.

10.30 **London Relay—"The Lying Jade."** A topical programme dealing with the act of spreading rumours in wartime. Arranged by Stephan Potter.

11.00 Close Down.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The market was fairly active and prices show signs of hardening.

H.K. Bank $1,340
Bank of East Asia $73
Union Ins; $305
Douglases $71¼
Docks $19.40
Providents $4.45
H. & S. Hotels $4.85
Lands $33¼
Humphreys $7.80
Realties $4.40
Chinese Estates $102
Tramways $17
Star Ferries $66
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China Lights (Old) $8.20
Electrics $52.60
Sandakan Lights $11.40
Telephones (New) $8.60
Cements $16.40
Ropes $5½
Dairy Farms (Old) $20½
Dairy Farms (New) $19¾
Watsons $8.70
Entertainments $6½

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H.K. Bank $1,340/60
Docks $19.60
Tramways $17¼
Telephones (Old) $25¼
Watsons $9

Sales

H.K. Bank $1,340/50
Docks $19.30/.40
Providents $4¼
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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 14, 1889.

BIRTH.—On December 13th; at "Idlewild," the wife of W. R. Loxley, of a daughter.

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Among the songs which have had a great influence and widespread popularity, is the hymn "There is a Happy Land, Far, Far Away." The author, like so many other writers of famous songs, never received a penny for his work and scant credit. He is still living at the age of 80 and his name is Andrew Young.

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According to a computation just issued by an eminent statistician, the cost in human life of the wars of the last thirty-four years has been 2,253,000 souls. The Crimean war cost 750,000 men; the Italian war (1859) 45,000; the Danish war (1864) 3,000; the American civil war—the Northern states 280,000, the Southern states 520,000; the Austro-Prussian war 45,000; the Franco-German war—France 155,000, Germany 60,000; the South African wars 30,000; the Afghan war 25,000; the Mexican and Cochin-Chinese expeditions 65,000; and the Bulgaro-Servian insurrection 25,000.

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The largest gathering of Freemasons that this colony—or the Far East—has yet known, assembled at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday night to do honour to the annual installation meeting of Lodge St. John, No. 618 S.C. There were about one hundred and thirty brethren present, and on the dais were twenty-three Past Masters. The ceremony was conducted by R. W. Bro. the Hon. C. P. Chater, District Grand Master of Hongkong and South China, who was assisted by a powerful contingent of the Grand Lodge Officers.

After the official business, the Lodge entertained the members and visitors to a sumptuous banquet; when a most enjoyable evening was spent, the clock pointing to three o'clock before "Auld Lang Syne" indicated that even the best of friends must part.

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A meeting of the Legislative Council was held at noon to-day. The first business was a motion by Mr. MacEwen, that the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the question of official salaries be laid on the table.

Mr. MacEwen said that undoubtedly a very great hardship had existed lately among European officials in the Colony owing to the great depreciation in the value of the dollar, and the high cost of living caused thereby. It was conditional in the Service that certain salaries were attached to certain posts—that was to say if a Governor came here he expected to govern a first-class Colony, at a salary of £5,000, and so on down to a policeman, who expected to receive a salary of £100, or its equivalent.

Anything in the shape of an application to the Imperial authorities for increase of salaries was like a red rag to a bull, but here salaries were not stated in sterling, but in dollars, and the home authorities calculated the equivalent of the dollar at 4s. 2d., so that when an officer went to the Colonial Office to obtain or accept an appointment in this Colony he was told that the pay was so many thousand dollars per annum, always calculating the rate of exchange at 4s. 2d.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 14, 1914.

A message from Rome states that the Foreign Minister, speaking in the Chamber, said that Italy had insisted on exemplary reparation for the Hodeidah incident, but the Ottoman Government had replied that communication between Constantinople and Hodeidah was interrupted. (Loud murmurs). He had telegraphed again demanding immediate reparation (Loud cheers). A number of Deputies, amid cheers, strongly insisted that Italy's honour and dignity should be upheld.

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The Japanese Minister of Marine has telegraphed to Mr. Winston Churchill heartfelt congratulations on the splendid British victory near the Falkland Islands. Mr. Churchill replied that the success was largely owing to the powerful and untiring assistance of the Japanese Fleet. The expulsion of the Germans from the East was complete. Their return would be extremely difficult and hazardous. Commerce was now free from Mozambique to South America.

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The readers of "Les Annales" took a vote on a new name for Eau de Cologne and decided on Eau de Louvain.

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 14, 1929.

All serious danger to Canton has been removed by the crushing defeat of the Ironsides. Latest information shows the rebel forces to be in full retreat with the Cantonese troops following them up.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 14, 1934.

It is one of the most regrettable tendencies of the times that there should be a constant harping on the theme of a possible war in the near future. Both in the West and in the East is this trend to be discerned in print and in speech. Happily, there are also individuals and organisations working strenuously in the cause of peace, but their efforts are from time to time overshadowed by war propagandists, some of whom are to be found in high places, whose utterances naturally attract much attention.

COURT MOURNING

The King having commanded Court mourning for two weeks for Princess Louise, the Governor was unable to be present at the performance of "No! No! Nanette" by the Philharmonic Society last night.

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Luxembourg Goes To Work While Her Neighbours Go To Fight

Remarkable War Zone Scenes Described

By Ralph Heinzen

UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Dec. 14 (UP).—The busiest corner in Europe is the tight spot where Luxembourg lies in a wide no-man's land between the French and German armies.

On both sides and in between the lines, smoke pours from factory stacks as the Lorraine, Ruhr and Luxembourg iron and steel mills work night and day, despite the massed presence of rival armies.

Since the start of the war, not one hour of work has been lost in the small region where more than half of Europe's steel is made. Here is the chief source of munitions, guns and tanks with which the rival armies are stocking.

Wading through deep red mud under the downpours of rain day after day, I covered the entire France-Luxembourg border during an inspection of the French frontier defences.

No Luxembourg Defences

Nowhere did I see a single Luxembourg defence position or a soldier across the frontier, nor were there any indications that the citizens of the tiny Duchy will try to defend themselves and the integrity of their State if the German armies should repeat the 1914 invasion.

But everywhere I saw signs of intense activity on both sides of the frontier, where iron and steel production has been kept up to the maximum schedule.

The largest of the mills are within rifle shot of the French frontier defences outside Luxembourg and the steel town of Esch, which out-Pittsburgh's even Pittsburgh for soot.

The drizzling rain holds soot and smoke in a thick fog over the whole Alzette Valley as the Bossomer plants turn out high-grade armour-plate steel from ore, which at this point is merely scraped from the surface of a great circular open pit by steam shovels.

Ore In Abundance

Coal reaches the Alzette Valley mills from the Saar, and there is still a century's supply of ore within a few hundred yards of the blast furnaces. It is to be had for the work of scooping it up.

On the French side of the border lies the famous Briey iron basin and the Longwy steel zone where Lorraine ore and Belgian coal produce 50 per cent. of France's total steel production.

At the start of the world war in 1914, more than half the Briey iron mines lay inside the German frontiers, which then included Alsace-Lorraine.

In the first days of the war, the German armies swept into the rest of the Briey basin and for four and a half years France was deprived of its chief sources of iron and its chief steel mills. When the German armies coming through Belgium invaded the Lens coal region ,France lost most of its coal. Thus the Germans held for the duration of the war 70 per cent of the French steel-making potential.

This Time It's Different

This time it is a different situation. The Briey mines lie in a great circle well behind the Maginot Line, with fortresses forming what is believed to be an impregnable line between the basin and the Belgium, Luxembourg and the German frontiers.

Even if Germany tried again her 1914 "end run" through Belgium and Luxembourg, she would still have to break through the Maginot Line to grab the Briey mines. The Longwy steel basin can be attacked heavily from the air, but so can the German steel and iron centres in the Saar and Ruhr Valleys.

There is no tacit understanding, but each side realizes the other can do equal destruction, and neither seems to want to take the initiative. Without drawing any conclusions, I might state the geographical fact that it is only 200 feet from the French frontier into the Esch steel mills, while it is more than 100 miles, by the shortest route the Germans could take, to that corner of Luxembourg.

Galleries Of Iron-Mines

Near Longwy, where the French, Luxembourg and Belgian frontiers come to a common focal point in fog and mud, the area is honeycombed with galleries of iron mines. There is one mine in particular which has entrances and workings in all three countries, and the galleries meet underground. This presents a constant danger for the passage of spies and other undesirables, so the French have provided their galleries with steel doors, and incoming workers from Belgium and Luxembourg filter past control officers.

France's defences along the whole Luxembourg frontier from the Moselle to the Chiers River are comparatively simple. The frontier consists chiefly of a deep wooded valley which is nature's most perfect anti-tank obstacle. The French slopes of the valley are a labyrinth of trenches, machine-guns and anti-tank guns. Every turn of the road approaching the French border is swept with enfilading fire. Brigades and roads are all mined to widen the obstacle within a few seconds.

Three or four lines of resistance lie between the frontier and the main Maginot Line obstacles which are at this point among the most powerful in the whole French chain.

Behind the Maginot Line lies another famous defence triangle—the Metz-Verdun-Montmody area. Therefore, as long as steel and concrete in the last permanent French fortresses holds strong, the regiments will stand at their guns.

PEIPING APATHY

"Puppets'" Anniversary Celebrations Flop

PEIPING, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Despite intense propaganda, the granting of a public holiday, decoration of streets and organised public meetings, the second anniversary of the installation of the Peiping Provisional Government has apparently failed to elicit any enthusiasm from the Chinese public.

Celebrations coincided with the arrival of the Nanking delegates to attend the "United Council" meeting to discuss the position of North China in the proposed new Central Government, but owing to the absence of Wang Ching-wei, it is considered of little political importance.

Mr. Kato, the Japanese Ambassador-at-large in China, stated in an interview that his visit was merely a route inspection and emphasised that the present situation involving the restriction of foreign interest would be changed after the conclusion of peace.

Viceroy Of India In Calcutta

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Viceroy of India has arrived in Calcutta, where he will spend Christmas.

U.S. LABOUR BACKS THE ALLIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. William Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, said to-day that the people of the United States wish to resort to all possible means, short of war, to prevent the triumph of Nazism and aggression in Finland, Poland, Austria and the Balkans.

He expressed sympathy for the Allies and said that the British Navy is now making effective economic war against Germany.

"May God help them and make it completely successful," said Mr. Green, who was addressing an anti-Nazi rally in Madison Square Garden.

Other speakers included Governor Lehman and former President Herbert Hoover.

CHINA RE-ELECTED TO COUNCIL OF LEAGUE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GENEVA, Dec. 14 (UP).—The League Council to-day unanimously voted for the expulsion of Soviet Russia from the League of Nations.

The Assembly terminated the entire session at 4 p.m. following the election of Egypt and China as non-permanent members of the Council.

In the voting for the expulsion of Russia from the League of Nations, the abstentioners were China, Finland, Greece and Yugo-Slavia.

Council members voting for expulsion included Britain, France, Belgium, South Africa, Bolivia, Iran, the Dominican Republic, and Egypt.

The Finnish delegate, M. Holsti, said he abstained from voting in order not to further complicate the Russo-Finnish problem and avoid possible increased military retaliation.

Two-Part Resolution

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GENEVA, Dec. 14 (UP).—The expulsion resolution is framed in two parts; firstly, the Council joined the Assembly in condemning the Russian invasion of Finland; and, secondly, it found that Russia, by her act had placed herself outside the League.

Dr. Wellington Koo said: "I have the briefest declaration to make. Under the circumstances, you all understand, the Chinese delegation will abstain from partaking in the vote."

The official Soviet spokesman said the action would "certainly not improve relations with Britain and France." He added that the Allies are "against the Soviet's plans," and are coming "more and more out into the open."

Dramatic Final Scene

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GENEVA, Dec. 14 (UP).—With Dr. Wellington Koo at one end and Fakry Pasha at the other, representing China and Egypt—the oldest nations in the world, the League of Nations to-day expelled the Soviet Union at the conclusion of a dramatic week in which Moscow has been branded as an aggressor.

The act of expulsion was signalled by a tap of the gavel after the Bolivian Chairman had put to the Council the resolution of condemnation before that body found no opposing vote.

The Council Room was crowded with almost all the League personnel, the public galleries were filled and the journalists' benches were jammed tight.

But for the speeches of the British and French delegates the final speeches were brief and to the point. Before the motion was put to the vote, the Chairman welcomed China, Egypt and South Africa to the ranks of the Council.

FRANCO-BRITISH ECONOMIC PACT

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, said that he saw nothing in the Franco-British economic agreement that was detrimental to United States interests.

He was of the opinion that the provisions of the agreement did not "vitiate" a tripartite monetary agreement.

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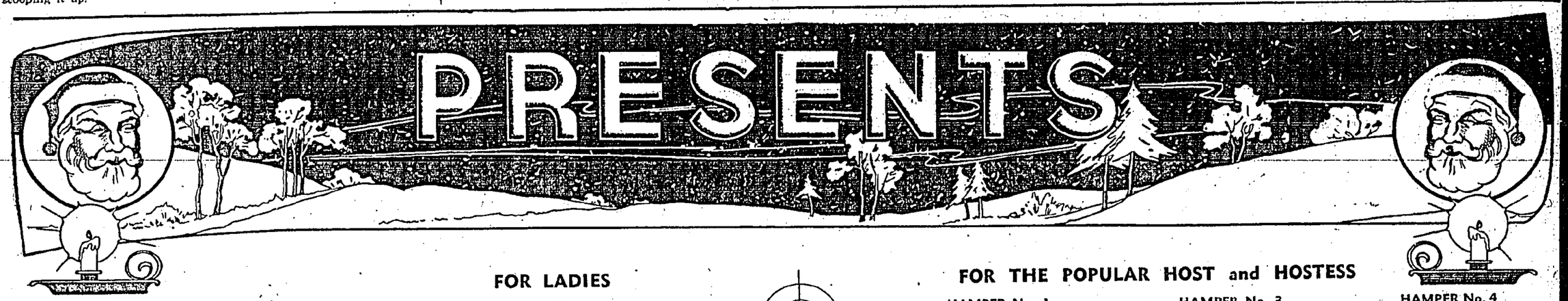

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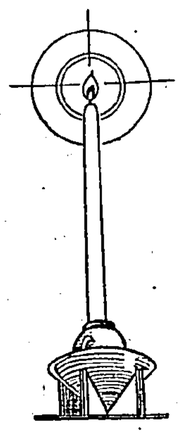

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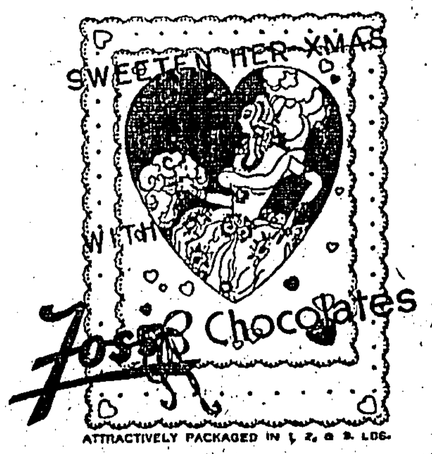

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WATCH FOR MARAUDER

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watch on the damaged German battleship Admiral Graf Spee.

The British Navy is determined not to permit the Nazi raider to escape to resume her raids on Allied commerce on the high sea.

The British crew are still closed up at their battle stations with gun crews manning the eight 6-inch guns as the British cruiser steams slowly back and forth at the mouth of the River Plate just outside Uruguayan territorial waters.

Sister ships to the Achilles, H.M.S. Exeter and H.M.S. Ajax, are also believed to be nearby. The Graf Spee is anchored in the inner harbour.

It is evident that the British have foreseen the possibility of the German raider making a desperate attempt to break to the open sea.

Meanwhile, reports from Montevideo state that H.M.S. Achilles is patrolling the River Plate from a point outside Montevideo to Punto Gorda, apparently as a precaution against an attempt by the Graf Spee to escape.

What Awaits The Battleship

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique issued at 6.40 p.m. states:

"No reports have been received of the killed and wounded in the British ships which participated in the sharp action yesterday off Montevideo.

"These will be published when they are received.

"Despite the damage which caused the Exeter to drop out of the engagement, the two small cruisers, armed only with 6-in guns, cruisers pursued the German pocket battleship into the Plate River and now await her in the estuary, where they have been strongly reinforced.

"It must be understood that very large forces have been employed for many weeks searching the vast spaces of the South Atlantic both by sea and air, and that much time and many disappointments were inevitable before the raider could be found.

Comparison With Emden

"It is remarkable how little hindrance the Graf Spee has been able to inflict upon the movements of hundreds of ships during the two months that she has been at large.

"Compared with the mischief wrought by the Emden, her depredations have been small.

"As soon as further details of the encounter are received, the Admiralty will publish another statement, dealing with the conduct of the officers and men who, under the command of Commodore Harwood, encountered and chased from the sea a vessel so much their superior in weight of metal."

BRITISH WAR LOSSES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Domei).—Replying to a question in the House of Commons this afternoon, Prime Minister Mr. Chamberlain announced that during the first three months of the war, the British Army, Navy and Air Force have lost about 2,100 killed as compared with 12,500 dead in the first three months of the World War.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4210.	Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No 3000, Kowloon City Road, To Kwa Wan.	as per sale plan.				About 5,000	$92	$3,750

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			feet	feet	feet	feet			
2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2745.	South West of New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1360 near Daimond Hill.	As per sale plan.				About 26,100	$180	$2,610

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 18th day of December, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Island Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 21 years.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
3	Garden Lot No. 102.	Adjoining Rural Building Lot No. 393, Island Road.	as per sale plan.				About 27,500	$64	$1,375

FINNS SET TORCH TO MANY TOWNS

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The flames were clearly visible in Norway throughout last night.

Tremendous Fires

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Reports from Norway stated that a tremendous forest fire is raging in the Petsamo region of North Finland.

It is not known whether the fire was started by Finnish defenders or by the Soviet air raid in the forest region early yesterday morning.

Explosions have been audible throughout the day from heavy artillery and Russian bombers. As yet, there are no reports of Finnish soldiers crossing the Norwegian border, despite the fierce Soviet drive.

The Finns are falling back on their main defence positions east of the village of Skogfoss on the Norwegian border, where they have new prepared lines.

Activity slowed down as the Arctic night blacked out the region, which was lighted only by the flames of the burning villages.

At Svanvik the villagers are calmly watching the battle in front of their doorstep.

Norwegian border troops have been strengthened.

The rapidity of the Russian advance was largely due to their light armoured cross-country cars and Whippet tanks which are able to skim over the surface of the snow, and which encircled the Finns in small pockets, threatening to cut off their flanks.

Salla Regained

From Stockholm, the "Aftonbladet's" correspondent at Torneaa reports the Finns recaptured Salla this morning after two days of the bloodiest fighting of the war, so far. It is alleged that thousands of Russians were killed.

Soviet Regiments Destroyed

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—A communique states that at Tolvajaervi Finnish counter-attacks have been crowned with success, and after a three-day battle it is confirmed that two Soviet regiments were destroyed.

The district of Tolvajaervi is again entirely in the hands of Finnish troops who are pursuing the Russians.

In the course of local fighting in the Karelian Isthmus, eleven Soviet tanks were destroyed.

Russians Use Gas

On the eastern frontier, Soviet troops continue their attacks at Koeronoya Station between Tiikarenta and Kitelae.

The Russians used gas at Suomussalmi.

Units of the Soviet Fleet bombarded Koivisto. The Finnish coastal batteries replied, whereupon the Soviet vessels withdrew.

Success In Centre

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 14 (UP).—Although Finland's resistance on the Arctic coast appears to be nearing its end, conspicuous success still attends its operations in the central area, where the counter-attack against the Russians is still being pressed with vigour.

An official announcement claims that Finnish troops "almost destroyed" three Soviet regiments in an onslaught on Tolvijaervi, which has now been regained by the Finns.

The Russians have also been driven from the strategic city of Salla, which they temporarily captured on Wednesday.

The Finnish communique claims that the Russians are using gas on the central front in an attempt to break the Finnish counter-offensive.

The communique claims: "Despite this, the Finnish forces have attained all their objectives."

Tanks Destroyed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 14 (Domei).—Eleven Soviet tanks and four Soviet field-guns were destroyed when Finnish troops recaptured the city of Tolvijaervi, according to a Finnish war communique issued to-day.

On the mid-eastern front, Finnish troops destroyed three regiments of Soviet troops, the communique claims.

In the Suosalmi area in central Finland, Finnish troops were forced to retire from their prepared positions due to the use of gas by Soviet troops, the communique says.

Olympic Stars Fight

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 14 (UP).—The National Tidende estimates that 90 per cent. of Finland's best athletes, including many former Olympic stars, as well as those who would have probably shone in the 1940 games, are already under arms.

Gunnar Soeckert, winner of the 5,000 metre run, is at the Lake Ladoga front. M. Mackl, who made several world records, is also at the front as a soldier M. Nurmi, the famous long distance runner, is in an air defence organization.

NINE NAVY VICTIMS

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ber was about a third that of the tonnage lost in September.

Latest British vessel to be lost as a result of the war is the s.s. Willow Pool, which struck a mine and sank in the North Sea yesterday. A lightship rescued her crew of 30, some of them were slightly injured, and landed them at an east coast port.

The British navy losses were tabulated in official figures.

The Germans claim that other British warships, including the 42,000-ton battle cruiser Hood, largest warship afloat, have been "incapacitated," by German bombs and torpedoes.

Admitted Losses.

The navy losses admitted by Britain are:

Ship	Cause	Men Lost	Tonnage
Courageous	Torpedo	573	22,500
Royal Oak	Torpedo	810	29,150
Oxley	Accident	53	1,572

Nazi Raider Badly Hit

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The Ajax and Exeter, despite reports of serious damage to the latter, proceeded to sea early this morning and are believed to be standing by outside territorial waters.

The only official German action so far has been the German Minister's request for the crew to be allowed to disembark, which he made after a second visit to the warship.

The Graf Spee was hit by at least a dozen shells.

Officers Dispirited

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Without food, confusion aboard and her decks a shambles of dead and wounded, the Graf Spee crept into Montevideo Harbour last night like a wounded animal worried by terriers.

Uruguayan officials stated that her officers were thoroughly dispirited when they reached port.

Members of the British Legation returning from a visit to the British cruisers, which are also anchored in Montevideo, assert that their crews are intact and that they have suffered no casualties.

Press representatives who made a launch trip around the Graf Spee reported the vessel's state as "shocking"—eloquent evidence of the excellence of British gunnery.

She bore shell marks all along the water-line.

Damage Described

A huge hole gaped in the control tower, which was completely perforated, and there was another hole in the bows.

Her aeroplane lost its wings and tail, and its engine had fallen to the deck.

Seen from the side, the superstructure looked like a mass of twisted iron, which included even the heavy guns.

Licking Her Wounds

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The badly damaged Nazi pocket battleship, Admiral Graf Spee, is now licking her wounds, which are plainly visible from the shore at Montevideo, while outside, British warships are sailing up and down on patrol.

The damage to the Graf Spee has put the Germans in somewhat of a predicament.

The German Minister at Montevideo says that she was forced into harbour by lack of fuel.

At the same time, the official German news agency is alleging that the British warships used mustard gas, which spoiled part of the ship's food and that that was why she put in to Montevideo.

Raider Sank 45,000 Tons

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In their order of sinking they were:

OFF BRAZIL

Steamer Clement, 5,051-tons, owned by the Booth Line;

OFF EAST AFRICA

Tanker Africa Shell, owned by the Shell Oil Company.

IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

Steamer Trenton Hall.,

OFF SOUTH AMERICA

Tyneside Line's 4,651-ton steamer Newton Beech;

Stephensen Clarke Line's 1,332-ton steamer Ashley;

Connell Line's steamer Huntsman, 8,196-tons.

Unidentified steamer Revainon;

Blue Star Line's 10,086-ton passenger liner Doric Star; North American s.s. Company's 7,983-ton steamer Tairoa.

The Commander of the Admiral Graf Spee to-night released 61 prisoners who had been taken aboard from the sunken British ships. Before their release all the prisoners signed a pledge not to go to sea again for the duration of the war.

The prisoners included "five or six" captains of vessels sunk by the German raider.

Goodwill Plane Returning Home

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CANTON, Dec. 15 (Domei).—After staying here overnight, the Japanese monoplane "Yamato" hopped off this morning for Taihoku.

The plane is now returning home from a goodwill flight to Thailand.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The joint choir of the Christ Church's Mandarin Service and Hop Yat Church will present a Christmas concert at the Hop Yat Church tomorrow at 8.30 p.m.

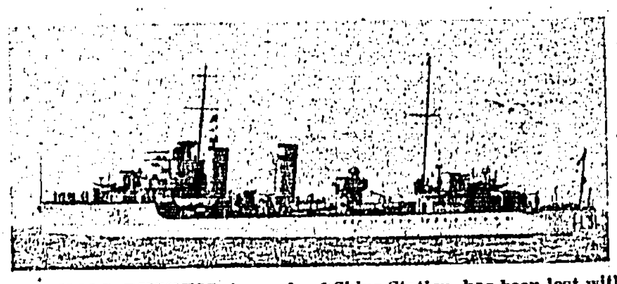
Gipsy	Mine	30	1,335
Blanche	Mine	1 (est.)	1,335
Northern Rover	Unknown	27 (est.)	500
Mastiff	Mine	5 (est.)	500
Aragonite	Mine	0	315
Jersey	Torpedo	10 (est.)	1,620

Ships Britain admitted were damaged:

Southampton	Bombs	15	9,100
Edinburgh	Bombs	—	10,000
Belfast	Explosion	—	10,000
Iron Duke	Bombs	111	22,000

Ships Germany claims to have "incapacitated" among "many others:"

Ark Royal	Bombs	—	22,000
Hood	Torpedo	—	42,000
Repulse	Bombs	—	22,000
Mohawk	Bombs	—	1,500



H.M.S. DUCHESS, formerly of China Station, has been lost with all but eighteen of her crew in a collision with another ship, presumably whilst on convoy duty. The only surviving officer is Probationary Lieut. J. R. Pritchard, R.N.V.R. Photograph is of one of the ships of the Duchess class.

81 KILLED IN BIG RUMANIAN TRAGEDY

BUCHAREST, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Heavy loss of life is reported as the result of an explosion in a chlorine factory in Transylvania.

Tanks of chlorine gas blew up during the night.

So far the bodies of 81 factory workers have been recovered.

Others were injured or gassed.

Escaped chlorine gas has badly hampered the rescue work.

NAZI RAIDER MAY SAIL TO DOOM TO-MORROW

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presumably in connection with the Graf Spee.

Neutrality Violated?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (UP).—One high official source told the "United Press" that the Graf Spee battle was "apparently of much concern to all Americans." The United States viewpoint may be announced later.

It is understood that this concern arises because the battle occurred within the so-called Panama Neutrality Zone.

Informed circles take a grave view and indicate that consideration may be given to making formal protests for violation of the safety zone. However, it is indicated that the initiative for the protest will be left to the South American countries.

The White House is silent on the matter, apparently awaiting official reports. The Argentine Ambassador, Sir. Espil, conferred with Mr. Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State; however, he said that in the absence of specific reports of the battle, he was unable to comment. Several other Latin-American officials privately said they believed that the American nations might make a joint protest to Germany and Britain.

No Distinction

LONDON, Dec. 14 (British Wireless).—In the House of Lords, the Minister for the Co-Ordination of Defence stated that international law relating to the Graf Spee is under active examination between the British and Uruguayan Governments.

It is pointed out in naval circles in London that the provisions of Articles 14 and 17 of the Hague Convention of 1907, which contain rules relating to the repair in neutral ports of belligerent warships, do not distinguish between damage sustained in action and damage due to other causes.

There is substantial support for the view that the extension of stay or use of shore facilities to repair damage due to enemy action should not be allowed, and a number of neutral governments have issued express regulations denying the use of shore facilities or any extension of permitted stay beyond 24 hours if damage is due to enemy action.

Out For War?

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—It is thought here that the Graf Spee will hardly dare to leave Montevideo, and consequently she will be out of action for the duration of the war.

Two-Day Stay Permitted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Graf Spee is granted a 48-hours' stay in Montevideo, according to information received by Mr. Cordell Hull.

WESTERN FRONT

PARIS, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Sharp engagements between reconnaissance units are reported from the Vosges region, and there is considerable activity along the whole front from the Moselle to the Rhine.

THE FIGHT DESCRIBED

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cruisers and made direct for Montevideo where she anchored inside the harbour at 11.15 p.m.

Brilliant Action

In view of the fact that the Exeter had only six 8-inch guns and the Ajax and Achilles only 6-in guns against the 11.2-inch weapons of the German battleship, this 15-hour action is regarded here as one of the most daring and brilliant in the history of the British Navy.

The battle is believed to be directly due to the recent sinking of the German supply ship, Ussukuma, and the failure of another supply vessel, the Tacoma, to leave Montevideo owing to the presence of the British cruiser Achilles.

The captain of the Graf Spee thereupon decided to seize supplies from the French steamer, Formose, despite the known presence of the cruiser Exeter in the vicinity.

Smart Manoeuvring

She was about to seize the Formose when the Ajax loomed up and opened fire, at the same time calling up the Exeter and the Achilles.

The Ajax manoeuvred to avoid the Graf Spee fire, and action ceased during the greater part of the morning.

The Achilles and the Exeter then joined the Ajax, which was lying between the Graf Spee and the Plate Estuary.

The Exeter closed in while the Ajax and the Achilles stood off.

Their combined fire drove the Graf Spee towards the coast.

Smoke Screens Used

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—No official account of the naval engagement which virtually ended the career of the Admiral Graf Spee is yet available.

It is evident from the messages received at the Admiralty, however, that the British ships made valuable use of smoke-screens, laying them with such skill that the slower German ship was out-manoeuvred.

The action is described in naval circles as one of the most daring and brilliant in the history of the Royal Navy.

Won't Lose Her Now

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Lord Chatfield, Minister for the Co-Ordination of Defence, eulogising the men of the Exeter, Ajax and Achilles in a statement in the House of Lords, said that British warcraft had been hunting for the Nazi pocket battleship for weeks.

Any ship which got into touch with her was not going to lose her even if it meant battle against great odds.

URUGUAYAN RIOTING

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tions from London, have made strong representations to this effect.

No Objection To Brief Respite

It is intimated, however, that no objection would be taken for a brief extension of the period of grace in order that Graf Spee's dead may be given a naval funeral.

Five British warships, including, it is reported unofficially, the Barham, are now standing 30 miles off the shore.

Another report suggests that the Graf Spee sank two British merchant ship in rapid succession before she was engaged by the British light cruiser squadron.

Authoritative sources state that in her present condition, the Graf Spee could not possibly put to sea.

OFFICE BOY LOSES H.K. FIRM THOUSANDS, CLAIM

Said to have caused his employers the loss of several hundred thousands of dollars because he kept important letters in his house and stole the postage money, Li Yiu-ming, office boy of the Dunlop Rubber Co. appeared before Mr. Edwards at Central Magistracy this morning charged on five counts of fraudulent conversion amounting to $55.20.

Sgt. Wall said Li was given money every day to buy stamps to post letters, but he had converted the money to his own use and kept the letters in his house. Several days ago, the Company received a telegram from their head-office saying that they had not received any communications for several months.

Li was suspected, and admitted that he had spent money given him to buy stamps. When his house was searched, 155 letters were found. He was remanded for 24 hours as he said he wanted to raise money to make restitution.

NAZI HAD WEIGHT

"Taffrail" Sums Up The Battle

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—A talk on the battle between the three British cruisers and the Admiral Graf Spee was given from Daventry to-day by Commander Taprell-Doring, better known to his many readers as "Taffrail."

The Exeter, he said, was a vessel of 8,400 tons, carrying six eight-inch guns, while the Ajax and the Achilles were sister-ships of about 7,000 tons each, and carried eight six-inch guns.

All three had a speed of about 32 knots.

The Achilles actually was one of the two cruisers in the New Zealand Squadron (the other being the Leander, the flagship), and "Taffrail" said that as she was chiefly manned, by New Zealanders, congratulations were due to New Zealand for the part she had played in the first real naval engagement of this war.

Not So One-Sided

Unlike the Rawalpindi-Deutschland battle, this was not so one-sided.

Although the Graf Spee was six knots slower than the British ships, she carried six 11-inch guns, firing shells of 716 pounds each with a range limited only by visibility and distance.

The Exeter's shells, although of the same range, were only 256 pounds each, while the man-handled six-inch shells of the Ajax and Achilles had a weight of only 100 pounds each.

A broadside from the Graf Spee, therefore, would weigh about 4,708 pounds, while a broadside from the combined British ships would only weigh 3,136 pounds.

None of the four ships was heavily armoured and a single shell from the Nazi warship might well have sunk one of the British ships.

But in the traditional style of the Royal Navy, our ships did not hesitate. They attacked the German vessel and forced her to take refuge in a battered condition.

What Will Be Her End?

It was impossible to say what the final end of the Admiral Graf Spee would be.

International law permitted her to remain in a neutral port long enough to make necessary repairs to become seaworthy and take on enough fuel to reach the nearest port of her country, but nothing else.

If the German warship was interned, she would be out of action for the duration of the war.

If she attempted to leave, she would be shelled by the British cruisers, which, now that they had found her, would never leave her.

The next few days should see some interesting developments.

It was interesting to note, concluded "Taffrail," that the man after whom she was named, Admiral Graf Spee, was defeated at Falkland Islands on December 8, 1914—25 years ago.

U.S. Hails Victory

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Newspapers here describe the Graf Spee fight in streamer headlines as the first big naval battle of the war and proclaim it a British victory.

It is believed here that the Graf Spee will be interned in Uruguay for the duration of the war.

It is reported in messages from Montevideo that the captain of the German ship has asked the German minister in Uruguay to negotiate with the battleship's immediate internment for the duration, on the grounds that it will be impossible for her to make the necessary repairs within the 24 hours that she is allowed to remain in harbour, and that even if the repairs are possible, the vessel could not go to sea again without encountering British warships.

Britain Rejoices

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—News of Britain's success in the first big sea battle, together with the torpedoing of a German cruiser and the sinking of a fresh submarine, is greeted with rejoicing throughout the country.

The "Evening News" congratulates the Royal Navy and says that the cornering of one pocket battleship is an omen that the turn of the other two will come.

The "Evening Standard" says: "It must be admitted that in the past three months the British people have had to accept much that is bitter in the war at sea, but we have the assurance that one factor in our naval supremacy remains unchanging, that is, the spirit which impelled three British cruisers to confront a more powerfully-gunned opponent in the Atlantic and which enabled the Rawalpindi to fight to the last.

"As for the last three centuries, the safety of England resides in the hearts of her seamen."

402 Survivors From Red Ship

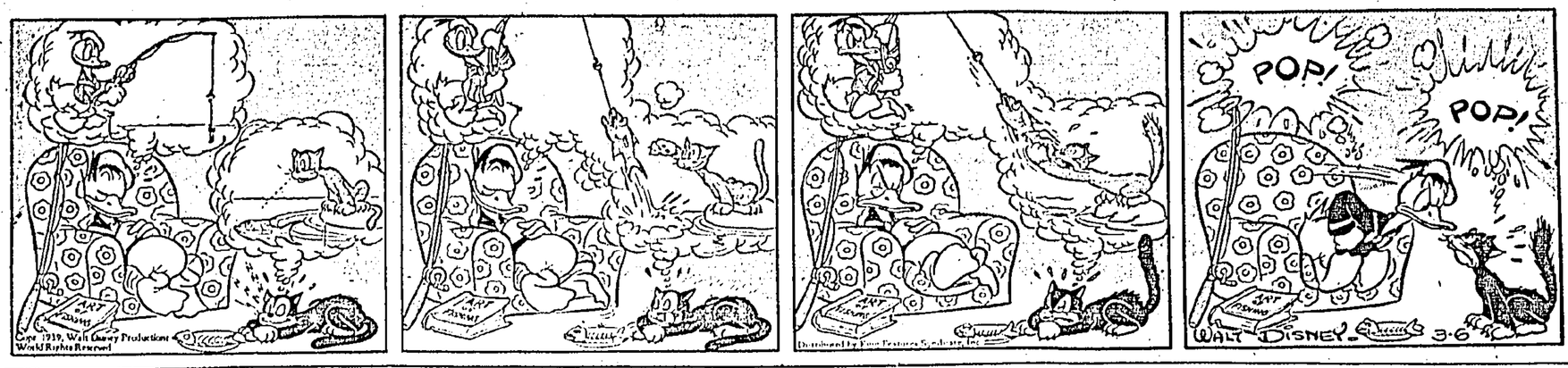
Survive Another Blizzard At Sea

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OTARU, Dec. 15 (Domei).—Carrying 402 refugees of the Soviet steamer Indegirka from Wakkanai, the Karafuto Maru arrived here at 10 o'clock last night after a difficult passage through a blizzard.

The Soviet refugees stayed aboard overnight and began disembarcation at 9 o'clock this morning. With the help of physicians and nurses, the disembarcation was completed shortly after 10 a.m.

DONALD DUCK By Walt Disney



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Banishees Sent To Prison

Dragged Over Border Alleges One Man

Criminal Session pleas were taken by His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Supreme Court to-day, and among defendants sentenced were several banishees, one of whom, Wong Wah, pleaded not guilty.

Wong was charged with breach of the Deportation Ordinance, having been arrested in Hongkong on November 6 following his banishment from the Colony for life on January 31, 1937.

He said: I plead not guilty for the reason that I was in Chinese territory, and I was dragged over into the British territory.

Wong's case, like others who pleaded not guilty, was put over for hearing.

Other Cases

Other banishees dealt with were:

Wong Chiu, banished from Hongkong for life on April 10, 1935. He said he had been driven to Namtau by the Japanese, and was on his way to Macao. He had no intention of staying here for long.

Mr. M. J. Abbot, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said Wong had three previous convictions and was undergoing a sentence passed by Mr. Himsworth.

To His Lordship, Wong admitted that he had been sentenced to five years' imprisonment in 1926 for an offence against the arms and ammunition Ordinance. He was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour.

Li Yiu-was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour also. He had two previous convictions for breach of the Deportation Ordinance, and three for larceny.

Tang Fuk received a sentence of two years' hard labour. He had three previous convictions for a similar offence, and had been banished from Hongkong for life in February this year.

Li Man was also sentenced to two years' hard labour. He had four previous convictions for larceny and three for returning from banishment. He was expelled from Hongkong for life on December 20, 1938.

FOUND POISONED

A 17-year-old girl, Chan Muk-lan, living in Graham Street, was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday suffering from the effects of lysol poisoning.

Another woman, Chan Fung, 29, of Ching Fung Street, was also taken to hospital after she had swallowed a quantity of opium.

Answers To Correspondents

JAY: "Poetic" licence.—Ed.

CABARET PROPRIETOR IS SUED FOR $1,000

R. Woodcraft, proprietor of the former Cocoanut Grove Ball Room in West Point, and Tai Tung-kee were sued before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell in the Summary Court to-day by Daniel Lee of Connaught Road Central for $1,082.

A counter claim has been filed against plaintiff, who is represented by Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios.

Mr. M. A. da Silva is acting for defendants.

Plaintiff claims that the money was due to him under a written undertaking made and given by the defendants and dated May 9, 1939. Particulars of the claim are: passage to Singapore for plaintiff and his wife, $370; cash for expenses on board, $100; daily expenses to the plaintiff agreed to be paid by the defendants in the undertaking at $4 per day from May 30 to October 30, 1939, $612. Plaintiff waives $82 in order to bring the action within the jurisdiction of the Summary Court.

Woodcraft's Evidence

Testifying, Woodcraft said he was at present carrying on the business of the Rex Ballroom, West Point. He first came into contact with the Kwong Chau ballroom in March this year. Partners of that ballroom were plaintiff and second defendant, and a proposition was made to him in connection with the dance hall. He was asked for a loan of $5,000 for the business, and following negotiations, it was finally arranged that he and second defendant should carry on the business on a 50-50 basis, and that plaintiff would retire from the business.

Woodcraft said at the time of the negotiations he was principally concerned with the debts of the ballroom, the position being, of course, that he had to pay up these debts. He asked for and received from plaintiff a list of the debts, which amounted to a total of $4,500. He had not that list now. On May 6, plaintiff also gave him a written statement in connection with those debts. He believed plaintiff when it was said that total of the debts was $4,500.

Subsequently, the undertaking under which plaintiff was now suing was entered into between plaintiff, second defendant and himself.

Destroyed Books

Woocraft said one of the terms of the undertaking was that plaintiff had to attend to all claims and legal proceedings in connection with the debts, and he had insisted upon that term because plaintiff was the only man in the cabaret who knew anything about them. If it had been disclosed to him at the time the agreement was made that the debts were substantially more than $4,500 he would have certainly not entered into the arrangement.

Besides the list, continued Woodcraft, plaintiff gave him the account books of the ballroom, but he had not been able to make head or tail of them. Those books were destroyed about the end of June as he had no further use for them.

The case was adjourned.

VICTIMS OVERPOWER ROBBERS ON JUNK

How some of the victims of a junk robbery overpowered two of their captors was related to His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court to-day when three men admitted robbery and other offences.

Accused were Hui Sing-chui, Cheung Kiu and Kwok Kai-sheung, and they were jointly charged with robbery at Deep Bay on November 20. Hui was also accused of possession of a revolver and five rounds of ammunition, and Kwok was further charged with shooting with intent to cause grievous bodily harm to constable Tang Yee or to resist lawful arrest, and with possession of a revolver and four rounds of ammunition.

Accused pleaded guilty to the charges against them.

Crime Described

Mr. M. J. Abbott said accused had no previous convictions. A junk was sailing in Deep Bay and another junk approached and fired shots. Subsequently the cargo in the first craft was transferred to the robbers' boat. Then the robbers more or less imprisoned the traders, who however, watched until the two robbers guarding them were not looking, and then got both their guns away from them.

One of the robbers jumped into the sea and waded ashore, but the other was caught and later handed over to the Police. The third defendant was arrested in serious circumstances, in which he endeavoured to fire a loaded revolver at the police constable. The revolver from which the shot was fired was not at the moment usuable because the ejector was missing, though it was in the gun when it was pointed at the constable. It had probably dropped out of the weapon when third accused threw it away.

The Sentences

First accused was sentenced to three years' hard labour on the robbery charge and 12 months for possession of arms and ammunition. Second accused was sentenced to two years' and six months' hard labour on the robbery count. Third accused was sentenced to three years' hard labour for the robbery, five years for shooting with intent and 12 months for possession of the arms and ammunition. The sentences are to run concurrently.

What Police Found

Haul Aboard Junk

A Mauser pistol and 147 rounds of ammunition, and an old-fashioned rifle with 94 rounds of ammunition, were found by Police who raided a junk in Aberdeen harbour yesterday. The master of the vessel, Wong Kan, 28, was arrested, and charged before Mr. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning with possession of arms.

Sgt. Estall said the junk and arms had been left to Wong by his father. Wong had held the junk licence for two years, and frequently entered and left Aberdeen, where he was well-known. Defendant produced a permit issued in China allowing him to possess the arms in Chinese waters and territory, and he also claimed to be in possession of a Macao permit, but this could not be found.

After his arrest, a kaifong of Aberdeen went to the Police, and personally offered to guarantee defendant to the extent of $500. The Police, continued Sgt. Estall, had no reason to believe defendant meant to use the arms for any ulterior motive but merely for his own protection. They were, however, applying for their confiscation.

Mr. Houston imposed a nominal fine of $25, and ordered confiscation.

Hose And Nozzle Stolen

Thirty feet of hose with a brass nozzle attached were stolen from a garage at 141 Caine Road yesterday, according to a report made to the Police by Fung Hing. The hose and nozzle were valued at $12.

Craigengower Eleven

The following will represent Craigengower at cricket against the Middlesex to-morrow, at 2 p.m.—A. R. H. Esmail (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulse, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, T. Lock, A. M. Omar, W. Hong Sling. Scorer, H. W. Randall; Umpire, C. Ladd.

Finger Ring Stolen

Miss B. Cartwright, of 29b Nathan Road, was robbed of a finger ring valued at $100 sometime between December 1 and 14. The ring was kept in a box in the bedroom.

LOVEM AND LEAVEM

"—ere, look! 'Elephant Boy.'"

With four fingers of his left hand crushed through being caught in machinery on which he was working at the Asiatic Petroleum Company installation in North Point yesterday, Chan Lam, coolie, has been admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Mrs. J. H. Brown, of Kadoorie Avenue, was fined $5 by Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning for leaving her car in Des Voeux Road Central for an unnecessary length of time on November 21. She admitted the offence by letter.

LENIENT SENTENCE

Month In Prison For Manslaughter

"If the dead man had not a greatly enlarged spleen, there would have been no harm done. But you must not take the law into your own hands like that. Bearing in mind that you have been in prison since November 20 I will impose on you a term of imprisonment for a month."

This was said by His Honour the Chief Justice Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Supreme Court to-day when dealing with the manslaughter charge against Wan Miu, a young man. Wan was alleged to have killed an unidentified Chinese man at Un Long on November 20. He pleaded guilty, an dhe was said to have no previous convictions.

Bad Luck

Prior to sentencing defendant, the Chief Justice said the impression he had formed was that the matter had arisen through bad luck.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said he thought that was so. It was the fairest way of putting it.

Wan said: The man stole something from me. I wanted to arrest him and take him to a police station. He pushed me and I struck him two blows as a result.

C. T. WANG SAILS FOR MANILA

Dr. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to the United States, and now Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Philippine branch of the Bank of Communications, sailed for Manila yesterday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wang, says a "Central News" report.

"CAT" FOR ROBBERY

Stiff Sentences For Two Men

At the Supreme Court this morning in the course of dealing with Session pleas, His Honour the Chief Justice Sir Atholl MacGregor gaoled Wai Tin, 34, and Ho Hung, 19, and also sentenced them to strokes of the cat on a charge of robbery. Accused admitted the offence.

Accused were alleged to have robbed inmates of a house in Kilung Street, Shamshuipo, on November 8, after they had gained admittance by pretending they were looking for a friend.

Mr. M. J. Abbott said Wai had three previous convictions, and Ho had none.

Not Learned His Lesson

Referring to Wai, the Chief Justice remarked that he had been in prison before but had not learned a lesson. The robbery was a most cowardly form of crime. He had armed himself with a knife.

Wai was sentenced to two years' hard labour and six strokes of the cat.

The Chief Justice said although Ho had no previous record this was a serious matter. Ho was given 18 months' hard labour and six strokes of the cat.

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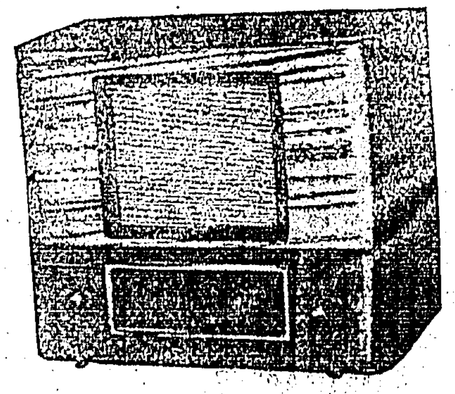

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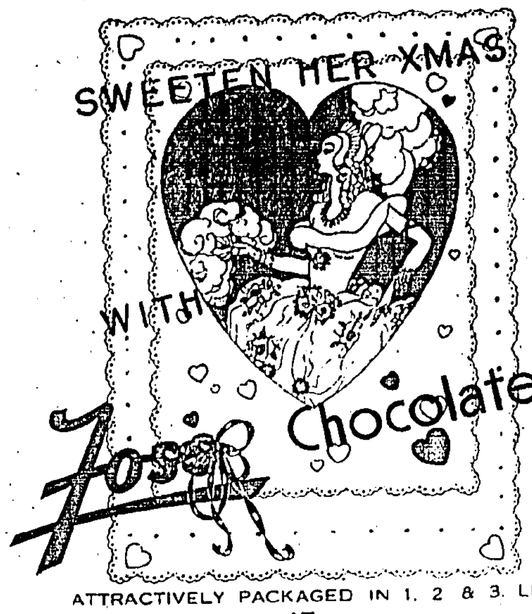

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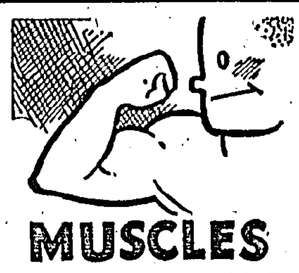

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"... And Threepence Coloured"

THE British manufacturers of Christmas toys have once again lived up to their high reputation; and their products this year are as fascinating, ingenious, and topical as ever. The mechanical marvels, the model motor car, and the always popular locomotive, exhibit new gadgets, warranted to bring even pater-familias to his knees on the nursery floor; among the dolls there is a superb Mr. Chamberlain, able to face up to anything, since his expression can be altered at will; and Lilliput has its streets complete with traffic lights, Flying Squad cars, and every detail that makes for verisimilitude.

It is pleasant, however, to see that some of the very old favourites are still disdainful of the spell of time, which would whisk them into lumberland; and of these the most notable are the "penny plain, twopence coloured" toy theatre sheets that Stevenson made famous. The old shop at Hoxton is still busy reproducing them; and though the price of admission is now three-halfpence plain, threepence coloured, it is still the ancient, splendid, and authentic "kingdom of Transpontus" into which they introduce one.

Nothing has altered there. "How the roads wander, how the castle sits upon the hill, how the sun eradiates from behind the cloud, and how the congregated clouds themselves uproll, as stiff as bolsters! Here is the cottage interior, with the cloak upon the nail, ... the gun and powder-horn and corner-cupboard. . . . ." Captain Luff, Bold Bob Bowsprit, and a hundred more of that swaggering brotherhood spring up to greet one, with all the verve, the inimitable elan, of their palmy days. Is it any wonder that the nursery should turn at times from a shiny, exquisite, but perhaps rather complacent realism, to invest in three-pennyworth of Hoxton magic?

The Best Reply To Hitler's Mines

HITLER mines the seas round the British coast. The cries of those who suffer in ships can be heard from the land.

This new phase of the war shows greater Nazi determination and more cruelty. We can regard it as the first of a series of desperate acts to which Hitler has been driven by his present dilemma, and his insatiable craving for world domination.

He chooses a war of economics against Britain, and immediately implicates most of the neutral countries of the world.

Obviously Hitler believes that he can imprison the British Fleet, and isolate us to an extent that means our national life will be strangled, and thereby we shall be brought to our knees to sue for peace.

In his daydreams Hitler no doubt imagines that once this is achieved the British Empire will collapse and the war end on his terms. No doubt he thinks he can make a separate peace with France, and avoid what he fears most—a military reckoning with her.

No man could make a more serious mistake, for France is as determined as Britain to end for all time the threat of German aggression. Already France shows signs that she will not agree to any half-measures in the peace that the Allies will win by victory.

Many people think it strange that Hitler prefers to use the economic weapon against Britain, to postpone the war of frightfulness with which he has threatened us so often. In this we must admit his skill. He overshadows the economic attack on Britain with more threats. He uses the neutral Press to trumpet German propaganda all over the world in the hope that he can force a peace to his own advantage.

Our Long Warning

WE are told again that Germany has 30,000 aeroplanes at least, a vast fleet of submarines, and that the real war will begin in the spring of 1940.

No enemy was ever favoured with such long warning. Britain and France are to be allowed to speed up their vast output of munitions and machines while Hitler's aeroplanes become even more obsolescent.

There must be something wrong here. The best explanation is probably Hitler's fantastic belief in the force of propaganda.

His object is to crack the resistance of Britain and France from within. He wishes to frighten us, but German propaganda has now lost its force, even though conveyed by most distinguished visitors.

It has come up against its most powerful enemies, the cold scorn of the Allied leaders and the ridicule of the man in the street.

Having heard so many Nazi boasts, the people of Britain and France look for action. When Hitler failed to fulfil his threatened invasion of Holland he demonstrated his weakening leadership.

Hitler, the visionary, may dream of glorious victories to be won against the whole world, but it is quite clear that his generals do not. They have warned him that the army machine is not ready to fight the combined British and French Armies, and other armies which might become involved.

The generals want more time. The fact is that they have little faith in the Nazification of the German Army. They do not believe that politics and military discipline can be mixed efficiently.

So obstacles have been put in the way of a frontal attack on the Maginot Line, and the invasion of Holland has been postponed.

Generals Hold On

THE military caste are still anxious to preserve their tradition, when all other traditions have been smashed in Germany. A number of generals were concerned in the contacts established with Major Stevens and Captain Best, the two Britons who were kidnapped by the Gestapo at Venlo on November 9.

This statement is not difficult to believe when it is known that German generals were in touch with the British Government before the Munich crisis in 1938, and again in the early summer of his year.

From separate sources information has reached here that these dissident generals were ready to agree to the restoration of the independence of Czecho-Slovakia and Poland.

The Gestapo appear to have stumbled on this information by a fluke arising out of the Munich bomb attempt on Hitler's life, and quickly matched the two incidents to provide a necessary diversion at home and to make the world believe that here was another Reichstag fire plot.

We Shall Win

THWARTED in his desire to march into Holland, and probably alarmed and annoyed by the opposition of his generals, Hitler is said to have been all the more willing to listen to Admiral Raeder. He boasted that he could blockade Britain with comparative ease.

This must have been an eleventh-hour scheme, or otherwise Hitler would have used the plan now operating the moment war was declared, to prevent Britain transporting her Expeditionary Force to France.

To have cut Britain off from France in those early days would have been a powerful weapon of propaganda to persuade France to make a separate peace. Instead, the attempted blockade bears all the signs of a desperate last-minute scheme at which Hitler eagerly grabbed because of his dilemma.

There can be little question that Hitler seized the idea as a vain hope that he might be able to immobilise the concentrated efforts of Britain's men, money, and machines by which his fate will eventually be sealed.

The British decision to retaliate to the mining of the seas by seizing all German exports is a direct blow at the heart of the Nazi regime. It must have a tremendous effect on the course of the war.

Germany will be deprived of foreign exchange at the time when she needs it most. She has been living from hand to mouth through lack of credit for a long time. Now her trade with the outside world is to be stopped.

She will not be able to buy those essential raw materials which she requires. Granted that she has stocks of food and certain raw materials, there are still other commodities she needs to wage a long war. Now she will not be able to get them.

She will have less money to spend on propaganda in foreign capitals, which has been an important feature of Nazi shock tactics. She will be isolated save from those of her nearest neutral neighbours, whom she will try to force into her barter system.

Thus the prospects are becoming bleaker for Hitler, so that at any moment he may be tempted to launch his threatened war of frightfulness.

But this he must calculate most carefully, and there are signs that he is doing so. A war of frightfulness would have many dangers for him.

So far his attacks on British shipping have not led to reprisal raids on German naval depots or arsenals. German people know what food shortage means but not bombs.

If Hitler listens to those experts who know Britain (Ribbentrop excepted), they will have told him that the British man-in-the-street is a stubborn person with an enduring belief in himself and his country.

He has become so inured to repeated threats of Nazi frightfulness that there can be no surprise for him.

Blockade of Britain

AIR raids over Germany if, and when, they come, are likely to have much greater effect than over Britain. So Hitler may not be in a hurry to commit a final assault on this country which would inevitably lead to reprisals. He may prefer to continue his attempted blockade, and to keep the war on its economic level.

At the moment he is pleased by the success of his new war at sea by mines. As in the early days of the U-boat campaign, he has sunk a large number of ships. But this time they are mostly neutral—a mine cannot differentiate between British and neutral ships.

At first he blamed the sinking of neutral ships on British mines. Now he admits they are German mines.

He wants to frighten neutral shipping away from British ports. But in this campaign he is challenging the greatest Sea Power in the world.

The reputation of the British Navy is staked on finding an answer to this Nazi brutality. The Navy will succeed. Hitler must fail.

He will fail because behind the British Navy there are endless resources of skill, inventiveness, and courage.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

"You've broken my heart, wrecked my whole life, and ruined my entire evening."

ANY OLD IRON, Adolf?

GERMANY once had a proud and mighty Navy—but that was a quarter of a century ago. To-day the greater part of its tonnage is represented by typewriters, sewing machines and motor-cars in thousands of British homes; some of it has even been exported to Germany in British-made steel products; still more of it, as ploughshares, now helps to till England's green fields.

More than 100,000 tons of former German naval might still lies barnacled beneath the waters of Scapa Flow, where it was consigned by German hands in June, 1919.

It is an ironic twist of fate that steel from the former German Fleet should be playing an important part for the Allies in this war against Hitlerism. The reason which made this possible is even more ironical.

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When the Germans scuttled their ships at Scapa Flow in 1919, they took elaborate precautions to make sure that they could never be salved. Their very thoroughness was their undoing.

When they opened the sea cocks to let in the water, they even threw watertight doors overboard; they removed the seats of valves so that they could not be closed. And then—to complete the job—they left air in the double bottoms of the ships so that they turned turtle when they sank.

Had they sunk them the right way up, salvage engineers could never have raised them!

As it is, however, out of over half a million tons of ships, some 400,000 tons of scrap metal have been recovered; and in due course, doubtless, if the metal is worth the cost of salvage, the remainder of the fleet will be raised.

Three battleships and four light cruisers still lie at the bottom of Scapa Flow; nearly 70 ships were scuttled, including 50 destroyers.

No one really cared very much when the Germans sank their own fleet, in spite of the fact that a great many people expressed a great deal of indignation at the time.

For five years little was heard of the German ships; then a British scrap metal firm decided that it would be a profitable business to raise them.

It was an ambitious idea, and it developed into a tremendous task—a task which has so far taken 15 years.

One by one the scuttled destroyers were lifted from the bottom, and the capital ships brought to the surface.

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There have been many amusing incidents in those fifteen years of hard and dangerous work. The first occurred when the compressed air workers came upon the "cellar" in one of the battle-cruisers.

At first the salvage officers could not understand what was happening when men emerged from the airlocks bright of eye and laughing. But ten years under the sea had worked wonders with good Rhine wine!

Souvenirs of this tremendous salvage feat are to be found in hundreds of Orkney homes—crockery, cutlery, vases, even jewellery; for the German sailors had no time to collect and save personal belongings when they sent the last of their navy to the bottom.

But souvenirs, though interesting, are of secondary account. The raising of the ships has not only provided steel and other valuable metals for Britain's war needs, but it has given a large number of men an unrivalled experience in salvage.

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YANGTSE MAY BE RE-OPENED TO THIRD POWERS

PUPPET MAYOR TO RESIGN

SHANGHI, Dec. 15, (Reuter).—Alleged to have fallen into disgrace with the Japanese authorities, Mayor Fu Sino-en, of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai, is shortly resigning.

He will be succeeded by his Secretary-General, So Hsi-wen, says a Chinese report.

TOKYO, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—As a concrete measure to help break the Japanese-American diplomatic deadlock, there is every possibility of the Yangtse being reopened to Third Power shipping in the near future, says the "Kokumin Shimbun" to-day.

The newspaper understands that Admiral Nomura, the Japanese Foreign Minister, regards this measure as a fundamental necessity.

His opponents, on the other hand, argue that the reopening of the Yangtse to Third Power shipping would violate China's administrative rights and enable the Powers concerned, not only to enjoy the economic benefits but also to exercise political and military pressure on China.

Therefore, they say, Third Power navigation rights on Chinese waterways should be abolished.

New Trade Treaty Urged

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (UP).—Mr. Willing Castle, ex-Ambassador to Japan and ex-Under Secretary of State, addressed a town hall meeting to-day and said that the United States should immediately begin negotiations with Japan for a new trade agreement to replace the Japanese-American treaty which is expiring January 26.

He said failure to find an agreement might encourage the administration to "clap on a trade embargo," and then Japan "could only believe we want war."

He advocated a policy under which the United States could "continue quietly to push the liberal principles which always guided our Far Eastern policies, and at the same time avoid any such war-like action as an embargo."

Unattainable Dream

Rear Admiral Harry Yarnell, retired, also spoke and opposed any United States withdrawal from China. He said the interests of the United States demand an independent China and that Japan must be convinced that "their dream" of establishing a Far Eastern Empire is not attainable. "Japan must be assured, in time of peace, of access to raw material markets on an equal basis with other nations," the Admiral said.

Punitive Measures

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (UP).—Congressman Edward Izac, who is a member of the House Foreign Relations Committee, and, who is returning to his home in California for the holidays, said that sentiment in the west was strongly in favour of punitive measures against Japan. He forecast there would be a strong movement in the next Congress to enact an embargo.

He said: "I feel that Japan should evacuate China and stay out."

He described the forthcoming Russo-Japanese trade negotiations at Tokyo as an attempt to bring pressure on the United States. "This will not be effective. The United States is not concerned over the Russo-Japanese trade talks," he declared.

He described the decision to abrogate the Japanese-American treaty as "a fine thing. I proposed much more drastic legislation, but if Japan behaves herself, it perhaps will not be necessary to go much farther than abrogation."

Anglo-Japanese Talks To Resume

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TIENTSIN, Dec. 15 (Domei).—It is authoritatively understood that the Anglo-Japanese negotiations for a settlement of the Tientsin situation will shortly be resumed in Tokyo.

Significance is attached in this connection to the departure from here for Tokyo on Thursday of Mr. Hikozo Tanaka, Japanese Consul here. Mr. Tanaka was one of the Japanese "On the Spot" delegates at the recent Tokyo parleys.

Major G. A. Herbert, former British Superintending Consul here, and now the British Consul at Chefoo, who also participated in the Tokyo parleys on behalf of the British authorities in Tientsin, has also left here en route to Tokyo.

HITLER TO RUSH NEW BATTLESHIPS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 14, (Reuter).—Hitler has ordered naval experts to reduce still further the time allowed to complete the two 35,000-ton battleships, Bismarck and von Tirpitz, which were launched early in the year, "Reuter" learns from Berlin.

While the Graf Spee episode is being represented by the Nazis as a great German victory, naval circles realise that the Graf Spee is helpless as long as the British Navy chooses to keep her bottled up.

Hence Hitler's wishes to get the Bismarck and von Tirpitz into commission in record time.

Wishful Christmas In Germany

Money, But Not Allowed To Buy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Dec. 14 (UP). — As usual the Christmas trees are piled high at street corners and the stores in Berlin are jammed with people, but the war has handicapped the German Santa Claus.

The crowds in the stores do not carry so many bundles as they did in other years.

Almost any cloth, food or candy must be deducted from the ration cards—although the authorities do concede that every man can have an extra tie and every woman an extra pair of stockings for Christmas, outside of the official ration.

Other Concessions

Other holiday concessions are the release for sale of various spices and an extra quarter of a pound of butter and two eggs for Christmas baking.

The sale of wine and liquor is limited, especially in the case of imported cognac, champagne, vermouth and liqueurs.

German wines are plentiful but most shops sell not more than one bottle of French wine per person. German hard liquors are limited to half a pint per person. Cigars are generally able to be bought only two at a time-unless you know the storekeeper of course.

Gramophone records are sold only against the turning in of old ones.

Tea sets and coffee pots are not rationed but there is no real coffee or tea to be obtained.

Another item at present unobtainable in the leading department stores and shoe stores is shoe-strings, which can be obtained only from very friendly shoemakers.

In the department stores the crowds congregate around the counter marked "without ration cards" and throng into the toy and book departments which are not rationed.

Theatre Tickets As Presents

Unable to buy anything, Germans are giving theatre tickets for presents this year. Numerous musical performances and plays are doing a rush business and are sold out for weeks in advance.

A 5-cent stores clerk said they are doing a rushing business this Christmas, in pictures of Hitler and Goering, both tinted and plain.

Coal Shortage

BERLIN, Dec. 14 (UP).—A shortage of coal has developed in many parts of Berlin during the freezing weather of the past few days, and as a result there are transport difficulties and a shortage of railway cars.

Party authorities in Berlin have instructed coal dealers, for the time being, to supply only those households which are entirely without coal, and provide only 10 buckets to each.

The China War

Chinese Still Scoring

THE latest Chinese military dispatches from the various fronts continue to claim Chinese successes, especially in the fighting in the northern provinces.

They state that two Chinese columns on Monday broke into the city of Nanchang and succeeded in inflicting heavy losses on the Japanese, after which they withdrew.

Nanchang Activity

It is also claimed that the Chinese captured two points within 30 kilometres south of Nanchang and that fighting of a severe nature is at present raging in different sectors around the Klangsi capital, the recapture of which is believed imminent unless Japanese reinforcements arrive, says a "United Press" message from Chungking.

Meanwhile one Chinese unit on Saturday succeeded in forcing its way into the city of Taiyuan, taking the Japanese by surprise. However, they retreated later.

In Southern Hunan, Chinese troops are said to be at present making a steady advance on Hsinyang after recapturing several important points along the border.

In North Hunan, Chinese troops are approaching Yoyang (Yochow), the Japanese base of operations in this sector, says Chinese reports. With their retreat by land already cut, the Japanese are loading their military supplies aboard warships in the Yangtze River as a precaution.

Hupeh Fighting

The province of Hupeh has also seen considerable fighting in the last few days. Chinese forces are continuing their advance since their major offensive launched on Tuesday.

Apart from Topaowan and Lohanssu, the units which crossed the Slang River have recaptured more important points in their drive along the Hankow-Ichang highway, including Nanchanglu and Hsuchiachang, west of Tienmen, Kungyichang, where the Japanese retreat is claimed to be surrounded.

On the Suihsien sector in North Hupeh, the Chinese have also recovered more important points, including Yuchiatien and Taichinshan.

A Chinese column recaptured Sintanpu, on the Tungshan-Yangsin highway in South Hupeh, on Wednesday night and is pressing toward Yanglowtung on the Hunan-Hupeh border, 38 miles north-east of Yoyang.

It is also stated that Chinese troops are continuing to exert pressure on Tungcheng, the Japanese base of operations in South Hupeh. The highway between Tungcheng and Tashaping, a neighbouring town, has been cut.

In Chekiang, Chinese forces, under cover of darkness, launched a surprise attack on Hangchow, the capital of the province, on Wednesday night. Breaking into the city by the Yinshanmen gate in the north, they challenged the Japanese and bogus Chinese troops to fierce street fighting.

In The South

In the south, there was only patrol activity on both sides in Kwangsi yesterday, according to a "Central News" message from Kweilin.

The bulk of the Japanese forces on the Nanning-Pinyang highway is concentrated at Paitong, a small town 30 miles north-east of Nanning and 25 miles south-west of Pinyang.

Japanese aircraft were active in the area north-west of Sinyang in West Honan yesterday morning. Army planes, supporting ground forces, attacked groups of Chinese troops belonging to General Liu Ju-ming's army, according to a "Domei" report.

Another Japanese air unit bombarded the Chinese troops in the mountainous area north-west of Yochow in North Hupeh.

$10,000 FOR REFUGEES

The National Relief Commission yesterday allotted an additional $10,000 for the relief of refugees in the Chungshan district, says "Central News."

REFUGEES RETURN TO THE SOVIET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Dec. 14 (UP).—Fifteen hundred Ukranian White Russian and Jewish refugees from German Poland, who have been interned in Lithuania, have arrived in the Soviet Union pursuant to an arrangement between the Soviet-Ukrainian Commission and the Lithuanian Government.

Several thousand others are applying to the Soviet Legation for permission to immigrate to the Soviet Union, according to a Tass Agency dispatch.

Hitler Brands His Benefactor

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Dec. 14, (UP).—Fritz Thyssen, the fabulously wealthy German industrial magnate who placed his millions at Hitler's disposal and helped Naziism to power in Germany, has been declared a traitor to the Reich.

Fritz Thyssen

It was officially announced today that Herr Thyssen's property has been confiscated by the German Government.

The confiscation has been made under the regulations governing the property of persons acting in a manner inimical to the welfare of the peoples of the Reich.

Herr Thyssen recently fled from Germany and is now in Switzerland. Until the outbreak of war between Germany and Britain—a war that Thyssen bitterly opposed—Hitler and Goering were often Herr Thyssen's guests at his Castle Landsberg in the Ruhr.

Thyssen placed millions of Reichsmarks at Hitler's disposal when the latter was fighting for power.

Headed Vast Steel Trust

He was the head of the great German steel trust, the "Vereinigte Stahlwerke", which controls the output of 75 per cent. of Germany's ore. Two hundred thousand workmen were in his employ.

His landed property which the Nazis have now seized comprised 33,000 acres. He owned a railway system—also seized—of more than 1,200 miles, 14 private ports and 209 electric power stations.

The estate is conservatively estimated to be worth £20,000,000.

The first conflict between Thyssen and the Fuehrer arose two years ago. Thyssen resented being spied upon by Himmler's Gestapo, who listened in to his telephone conversations and opened his letters.

In consequence, he left Germany for a lengthy voyage to South America, whence he returned after a reconciliation has been brought about by friends.

Saw Writing On Wall

Thyssen, however, has seen the writing on the wall. Member of the Prussian State Council, economic dictator of Germany's heavy industry, bearer of the gold badge of the Nazi

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Party, and president of a score of German industrial concerns, he has fled the country, abandoning the greater part of his riches. They have all now been confiscated by the Nazis whom he helped to power.

It was recently reported that Hitler had instructed the Gestapo to hunt down Thyssen and bring him back to Germany in order to compel him to broadcast from all German stations, announcing his loyalty.

You May Not Know—

That there are two kinds of "White" Russians.

First, the political White Russians. These are the anti-Bolshevik emigres, called Whites because, under Deniken, Kolchak, Yudenich and Wrangel, they fought the Reds (1918-22).

Then the racial White Russians. These are the inhabitants of the western-most Republic of the U.S.S.R., whose capital is Minsk.

In their case the name "White" derives from their traditional dress — white smock, white leggings, white homespun coat.

For centuries White Russia has been the battleground of Russians and Poles. The western part (chief town, Bialystok), which passed under Polish rule after the war of 1920, has now been retaken by the Russians and has been admitted to the Soviet Union as part of the White Russia Soviet Republic.

Soviet Aid For China To Continue

Declares Mr. Sun Fo

KUNMING, Dec. 15, (Central).—Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, who arrived here from Rangoon by plane yesterday following an extensive tour in Europe, told the Press that British, French and Soviet sympathy with China is daily increasing.

Soviet material assistance to China will be continued, and the Soviet policy towards China will remain unchanged.

Foreign Reactions

In his opinion Japan's hopes to bring about a rapprochement with the Soviet Union will not likely materialise.

Mr. Sun said that most observers in Europe think it unlikely that the United States will conclude a new trade pact with Japan. They believe that China will emerge victorious from the present war. Official quarters in London maintain that China has already achieved successes in the two years' hostilities.

Japanese May Go On Rations

TOKYO, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Influential members of the Government favour consideration of a ticket rationing system for principal daily necessities, according to an "Asahi" report to-day.

This move, the newspaper says, is being considered for adjusting supply and demand and to overcome the hoarding of rice, coal, charcoal, clothing, sugar and other commodities.

In Peiping Also

PEIPING, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Chinese and Japanese authorities in Peiping are considering detailed measures for putting into effect a rationing system for rice, states the "Hsin Min Po."

It is planned that each Chinese household will receive a fixed amount of rice for a certain period.

Details are not yet available.

French Budget Vote Is Unanimous

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Dec. 13 (UP).—The Chamber of Deputies by a vote of 521 to nil approved the civil budget, providing for civil expenditures of $1,751,480,100 and receipts of $1,773,919,500.

M. Herriot, Speaker of the Lower Chamber, stressed the extraordinary significance of the unprecedented unanimous vote.

The Finance Committee of the Chamber begins discussion of military expenditures next Tuesday. The Senate is expected to start its budget debate on December 26.

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

CLOSE OF THE CURRENT SEASON

Confusion Bay Should Win The Hongkong Autumn Champions

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB will terminate their racing season to-morrow when the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting will be staged. The first saddling bell will be rung at the usual time 1.30 p.m. sharp. There are the usual eight interesting events on the programme, including three Autumn Champions over one and a quarter miles, confined to old China ponies, subscription griffins of this year, and the Australian ponies of any season.

After this meeting there will be no more flat racing at Happy Valley until Spring. Those, who have gone down in the sink, will undoubtedly have to exert a little of that golden gift of patience until the Annual Race Meeting, when the handicap contests are thrown into the shade, and money will then be much easier to pick up.

However, our Annual Carnival has unequivocally been the pride of the Colony's events on account of the popularity of the racing of Australian and China ponies, subscription griffins imported annualy by the Hongkong Jockey Club, but it is regrettable that there is not much prospect of seeing the latter in the arena at the forthcoming annual meeting.

It is learned from a reliable source that the fulfilment of the contract placed by the Club with the Russian dealer, Mr. Mordohovich, for the supply of one hundred China ponies to be raced in 1940 is very remote owing to hostilities up north, and the difficulty of obtaining an export permit from the Japanese Government.

It has not yet been possible to ascertain whether there will be any curtailment of the five days' programme, but judging by the number of Australian and China ponies we have had at the extra meetings, one feels that one has the right to predict that a good lot of these chargers will be brought into action at the 1940 annual meeting to replace the sub-griffins' events. The absence of "C", "D" and "E" classes will not then be so conspicuous at the Spring.

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ATTENTION of owners is drawn to the fact that nominations for the champion contest are post entries and they are reminded that ponies, whether Australian or China, for any of the Autumn classics must be declared in writing as starters by posting their names in the declaration box in the usual manner.

I would be looking through rose coloured spectacles should I attempt to suggest that there will be no opposition in the three Autumn classics. At any rate the convincing manner in which Baffin Bay annexed the Fremantle St. Leger argues very much in favour of one of the finest fights in the Queensland Autumn Champions, coupled with a big field.

LEADING JOCKEYS

I DO not propose at this juncture to review the 1939 racing season, but it may be of interest to know that Mr. Encarnacao will again head the list of winning jockeys as he has to date nine wins more than his second rival, Mr. V. V. Needa. Hereunder is a list showing the position of those jockeys, who have over ten wins during the season.

	Wins	2nds	3rds
C. Encarnacao ...	33	22	11
V. V. Needa	24	21	19
A. W. Raymond ..	19	9	11
D. Black	16	19	11
L. B. Chao	16	6	12
H. C. Pih	15	23	14
S. C. Liang	14	14	14

While on the subject it is interesting to reveal that no champion jockey in the past has got anywhere near the figure of 60 wins scored by Mr. L. G. Frost in 1935. It will be recalled that he was the champion jockey from 1930 to 1933, but he would have been at the top of the tree in 1934 were it not for his Home leave. Mr. Frost's best riding feat was 57 wins registered in 1932 with the inclusion of seven successes out of ten events at the Seventh Extra Meeting held on May 28.

CHANCE FOR OTHERS

THE main aspect of to-morrow's racing is that many ponies of different classes have been barred from the handicap events so as to give other steeds a chance of making a few dollars to provide for their "hay and corn", and in the circumstances many public idols will not be donning the silk. In other words, with the exception of the three Autumn Champions, the other five are more or less consolation events.

Daily Double Prospects

INCIDENTALLY the Tardy Handicap for "B" class, and the Last Chance Handicap for "C" class (both China ponies) have been selected for the daily double event, and there are 11 entries in each contest. The carrying over of a pool of $7,523, which punters failed to connect the second leg of the combination at the last meeting, is the other consolation to the regular followers of the turf, provided, of course, they can find the two right 'orses.

A close study of the entries seems to me that both events are very open, and in the circumstances I would strongly suggest that one cannot go wrong should he back all the ponies in the first leg by taking 11 chances on each runner. This would naturally involve an outlay of $605, and the second part of the gamble is to have a ticket on each starter in the second selected event.

Assuming there should be only ten acceptors for the first leg of the daily double event, one must also purchase 11 chances on each runner, and should there be only eight starters for the second leg, the excess (two remaining chances) can be placed on your own fancy. But whether the investment will be a remunerative one, I am not prepared to guarantee.

OPENING EVENT

Confusion Bay Certain

CONFUSION Bay is a dead certainty (as the water is in the harbour) for the opening event, the Hongkong Autumn Champions for China ponies over 1¼ miles, and Mr. Dunbar's candidate has only to canter the circuit to collect the first prize of $1,000.

It will be recalled that when they clashed in the October Handicap over the champion course, the winner (Confusion Bay) was conceding 17 lbs. of lead to Eve of Harvest, who was beaten by a short head, but to-morrow they meet on the scale weight for inches, and I therefore cannot see the possibility of the latter turning the tables.

Rose Elect, owned by Mr. Eu Tongsen, is definitely not starting as she lacks the strength over a distance run. Galaxy, the winner of St. Andrew's Stakes, is going to spend a quiet afternoon in his stall, while Hectic View, who was trounced by the former for the third place in the Hongkong St. Leger, is weighing-out to pick up the third place stake money. Navylight, the captor of the Hongkong St. Leger, is ineligible.

LAGGARDS' HAN'CAP

Vote For Pumpernickel

IN the Laggards' Handicap for "C" class Australian ponies over six furlongs, I will vote Pumpernickel once for the first position in the frame, but I have not been able to ascertain who is to be the jockey. The usual pilot, Mr. Proulx, is now in the Navy, and it is rumoured that the sailor boy will be on duty.

However, I do know that Brutus will be ridden by Mr. Pih, and he is dangerous. Either Dick Turpin or Macquarie River should fill the third position.

As an outsider I recommend Twilight Star, who has been well buttered with only 140 lbs.

DILATORY HANDICAP

Smiling Time Indicated

THE Dilatory Handicap for China ponies, subscription griffins of this season, that have not won more than $1,000, has drawn only eight entries and the run is over a mile. It looks that Smiling Time is going to have an easy time passing the

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Glenn Lee, the Nebraska Wild-cat, who meets Ceferino Garcia in Manila on December 23 for the world middleweight boxing title. Following glimpses of his training, several heavy bets have been placed on Lee to take the championship.

Hockey Meeting

Experimental Short Corner To Be Given Trial In Hongkong

At a Council Meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Association held yesterday in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, it was unanimously decided to give the new experimental short corner a trial throughout the season at friendly matches.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to notify the Hockey Umpires' Association to that effect, and to request that all umpires officiating at matches where the new short corner is to be experimented with to make a special note of the number of short corners given and the goals scored from them. All Club Hon. Secretaries will also be notified of the experiment.

A letter was read from the Macao Hockey Club to the effect that they had not yet held their annual meeting and that it was impossible at the moment to make any arrangements for the Interport against Hongkong.

They made mention of the fact that teams from Hongkong would be welcome in Macao on any Sunday.

Army And Navy XV's For Triangular Tournament Game

The Triangular Rugby Tournament match between Army and Navy will take place at Sookunpoo to-morrow at 4 p.m. Teams:

Army.—L/Cpl. Picton (Engineers) Spr. Artingstall (Engineers), L/Cpl. Waite (Engineers), Sgt. Lang (Ordnance), Lt. Skipwith (6th Hvy. Regt.); Lt. Hook (8th Hvy. Regt.), Lt. May (Durhams); L/Bdr. Evans (5th A.A. Regt.), Cpl. Sutherland (Royal Scots), Lt. Hewitt (Middlesex); L/Bdr. Whitehead (5th A.A. Regt.), Pte. Berry (Middlesex); Capt. Duke (Royal Scots), Lt. Cuthbertson (Royal Scots), Lt. Pinkerton (Royal Scots).

Navy (from.—Pay. Lt. Stevens, Lt. Bax; Tel. Bowden, Tel. Paul, Mid. Nicoll, Sub. Lt. Kennedy; Lt. Cdr. Clark, Lt. Carter, Sub. Lt. Plugge, Ldg. Wtr. Ferris; Ldg. Wtr. Barlow, Lt. Brown, L.S.A. Palmer, Flt. Lt. Taylor, P. O. Smart, C. Wtr. King, Lt. Bayley, Pay Lt. Charles.

Badminton Fixtures Amended

As there is still some doubt as to the correct fixtures in the Badminton League, Club Secretaries are requested to take note of the following amendments.

In the Mixed Doubles to-night, Recreio "A" will receive Taikoo, and not K.C.C. as shown in the handbook.

In the same league, it should be noted that on March 1 it is Recreio "B" which play at home to St. John's, and that the K.C.C. v. Taikoo match is now scheduled for March 15.

Amendments in the "B" Division are:

On January 3, Recreio play at home to St. John's, and St. Andrew's are at home to K.C.C., with V.R.C. receiving St. Teresa's.

On January 17, V.R.C. are at home to the K.C.C., and on March 13, St. Teresa's are at home to St. Andrew's, and not St. John's as shown in the handbook.

Middlesex Regt. Boxing Tourney

The inter-company (novices) team boxing tournament of the 1st. Battalion, the Middlesex Regiment, will be held at Nanking Barracks, Shamshuipo, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 18, 19 and 20, commencing at 7.30 p.m. each evening. Prices for admission will be $1 and 50 cents.

Kowloon Chess Club Defeat Victoria

A friendly chess match was held yesterday evening at the Gloucester Building when the Victoria Chess Club entertained the Kowloon Chess Club, but were beaten by four matches to two.

Victoria		Kowloon
Sir Henry Pollock	0	D. E. de Carvalho 1
E. Zimmern	1	B. D. Evans 0
A. Brooksbank	0	H. W. Randall 1
C. E. Moore	0	A. Kurrik 1
A. E. Glanville	0	A. Y. Birlukoff 1
B. C. Field	1	P. A. Yvanovich 0
	2	4

Tennis

First Round Ties In Women's Tourney

Miss R. Rumjahn advanced to the second round of the women's singles tennis championship when she eliminated Mr. A. C. Hutchison 6-0, 6-3 on Sunday.

Mrs. N. W. Smeby has been given a walk-over by Mrs. Marriott.

Kowloon B.G.C. Teams

The following will represent Kowloon Bowling Green Club against Kowloon Cricket Club at tennis on Sunday, commencing at 2 p.m.:

Women.—J. Sturgeon, V. Clarke, E. Lawson, E. Turpin, P. Peckham, J. Rogers, J. Whyte and E. Hardie.

Men.—J. Sturgeon, C. E. Turpin, J. Douglas, L. Sykes, A. Rogers, F. F. Clarke, P. Peckham and J. Whyte.

Rifle Shooting

OVERSEAS POSTAL MATCH

Difficult Conditions At Kowloon City

CONDITIONS were far from ideal for the shooting of the Overseas .303 full range Postal Match at Kowloon City on Wednesday. The wind was variable and tricky though the light remained good, and it was probably this that accounted for the comparatively low scores at 300 yards. Both teams improved at 500 yards, and the aperture sights team scored more at 600 than at 300 yards.

A Spoon and Practice Shoot was also held, in which some seventy members took part.

Outstanding achievement of the Postal Match was that of Cpl. Langford (Middlesex) who, with open sights scored 44, 47, 42, making a total of 133 of a possible 150. This was equalled by Sgt. Russell (Police) who, firing with aperture sights, scored 46, 44, 43. Performances among others did not come up to expectations.

The results of the Postal Match will be made known in March.

In the spoon shoot, in which the teams did not compete, nett spoons were won by Flt. Sgt. F. Tollinson (R.A.F.) and P/Sgt. Chanchal Singh (Police), and handicap spoons went to L.A.C. Hunt (R.A.F.), W. H. Golder (R.A.F.) and Pte. R. M. B. Gutierrez (Volunteers).

Scores:

Aperture Sights

	300	500	600	Ttl.
P/Sgt. Chanchal Singh (4)	29	32	28	89
J. A. Guard (2)	30	31	28	89
L/Cpl. S. G. Brighty (3)	26	31	31	88
A. F. Evans (3)	26	33	28	87
L.A.C. L. R. Hunt (5)	27	28	31	86
Capt. F. Sale (4)	30	31	25	86
Cpl. V. M. Hammond (1)	25	31	29	85
F. C. Drake (3)	28	30	27	85
H.—L.—Langley (2)	30	28	26	84
S.I., C. C. Chau (Scr.)	31	27	26	84
H. G. Foreman (3)	31	28	25	84
P.S., K. C. Hoo (2)	30	30	31	83
A.S.P., D. Lole (3)	22	31	29	82

Open Sights

F/Sgt. F. Tollison (5)	27	29	32	88
P.C., Charan Singh (5)	28	29	28	85
S.I., H. O. Tso	27	25	27	79
L/Sgt. J. D. Remedios (8)	27	28	24	79
L/Cpl. A. D'Aquino (6)	24	29	25	78
A.C., W. H. Golder (11)	23	28	23	74
Cpl. J. C. Remedios (11)	25	27	20	72
Bdms. D. Bolam (9)	23	31	18	72
Lt. F. V. V. Ribeiro (6)	21	26	24	71
Spr. E. W. Allo (8)	23	25	23	71
L.A.C., T. H. Storey (9)	27	23	21	71
Pte. R. M. B. Gutierrez (13)	21	28	21	70
Cpl. A. F. Ferreira (14)	20	25	23	68
J. Hargreaves (11)	21	28	19	68
Bdms. K. Nix (11)	22	28	18	68
Pte. R. A. Castro (10)	25	23	15	63

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 16th December, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel 27704) will close at 12 o'clock NOON.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21020)

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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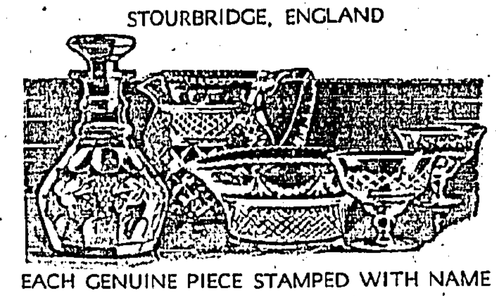

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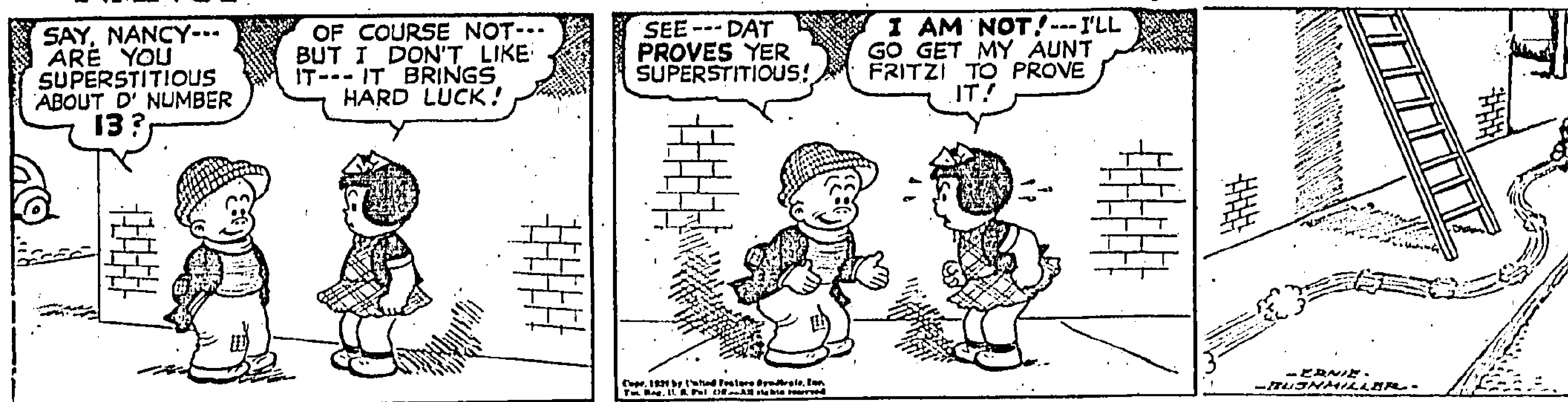

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Problem Of Caddies At Fanling Golf Club

R. YOUNG ELECTED CAPTAIN AT ANNUAL MEETING

THE PROBLEM OF CADDIES at the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Fanling, was discussed by A. E. Lissaman, Captain, at the Annual Meeting of the Club held yesterday. Members were requested not to take matters into their own hands, no matter what the provocation, but to report and have the offenders dealt with through the proper channels.

Despite difficult times, he reported, the Club had had a very satisfactory year. A plan is being entertained for the extension of the Relief Course, adding another nine holes.

Mr. Lissaman said in part:

Bearing in mind the times through which we are passing the period under review has been very satisfactory. I do not mean that all our ambitions have been realised, because they have not; the most notable exception being the enforced postponement of the long awaited new Club house at Fanling. Arrangements were made for work to start in September; but the trend of world events caused your Committee to review the situation and it was decided to postpone the scheme.

The year that began so well ended under the gloom of war. This has affected many members and curtailed their play. It is an ill-wind, however, that blows nobody any good and your Committee have been able to extend to all Subscribers playing facilities over week-ends, a privilege of which they have availed themselves considerably.

Work during the year on the courses at Fanling consisted mostly of draining the low lying areas on the New Course and enlarging their somewhat feeble bunkers. The work was carried out by Mr. Hitchins with his usual ability and attention though he was hampered up to the end of June by excessive rainfall. After that date far less rain fell than usual, and in consequence the newly laid turf is not at the moment as good as it might be. You may have noticed too that we have been suffering since October from the effects of drought in the form of grubs and weeds in the greens and that the Courses have been unduly burnt up; the typhoon was welcome but it came too late.

COURSE EXTENSION

A caddie strike at Fanling in the Summer caused but slight inconvenience. The situation demanded and received firm handling and after a slight purge and some small changes in the organisation, the situation has since been quite satisfactory.

One thing I would like to ask is for members not to take matters into their own hands, whatever the provocation, in the course of a round. This may in some cases be asking a lot, but I would remind you that our caddies at Fanling have to leave us when they are 18; thus the bulk of them must necessarily be small boys, some of whom lack experience. Our very efficient method of caddie reports is quite sufficient to enable offenders to be dealt with through proper channels and the use of any other method acts against the interests not only of the individual member but also of those of the Club.

I recall Mr. Dodwell's dictum "an ounce of encouragement is worth a ton of abuse," and in order that members may not suffer unduly from the effects of a day in the country with a caddie not quite up to standard, that "ounce of encouragement" is being given by the Club in the form of caddie classes which have this year been inaugurated on a small scale under an ex-caddie. I hope members will assist in this experiment by coaching their caddies during their rounds.

HAPPY VALLEY CADDIES

At Happy Valley a caddie scheme on the same lines as at Fanling has been introduced and has been very successful in abolishing the former scrambling and fighting for jobs. On the same Course too, a complete new water system has been installed replacing many very old pipes.

Once again our members and others have contributed to the Children's Playground Association over $750 through the Club accounts alone.

The Secretary's and Superintendent's agreements have both been before your Committee, but here again the war has intervened and arrangements once practically completed have been upset. With the proposal to rebuild the club house at Fanling, it was necessary to keep in mind the organisation required to cope with the inevitable inconvenience of the necessary change over, and arrangements had been made accordingly. Now of course those arrangements have had to be abandoned and others more in keeping with the times and conditions have been substituted.

ACCOUNTS SATISFACTORY

As regards the accounts for the year, these must, I think, be regarded as extremely satisfactory. The profit on working is nearly $29,000, or $3,843 more than last year and this enables us to transfer over $17,080 to reserve.

Our total income increased considerably and our expenditure, which includes of course purchases for food and refreshments etc. increased, naturally; but the cost of administration etc. decreased. All reasonable economy has been exercised. Subscriptions have shown an increase which is encouraging and new members are still coming forward in considerable numbers.

The profits under practically all headings have been satisfactory. The only exception is that of Fanling Catering where profits probably do not altogether cover overheads including linen, crockery, servants, etc. Of course food and coal prices were slightly but steadily on the increase and this may be expected to continue. It may be necessary, therefore, to make a slight increase in the cost of meals though your Committee would do so only after the most careful consideration and on the grounds that it could not economically be avoided.

I may mention in passing that considerable stocks of liquor were purchased before the new duties came into force. Nevertheless, your Committee thought, as certain articles had to be purchased at the new rates, and partly to lessen the shock of a sudden considerable increase later, that it was best to increase prices by five per cent. as from December 1.

BUILDING FUND INCREASE

Once again we are on the right side as regards bad debts, and there was a satisfactory increase of $30,000 in our Building Fund which, at the end of the financial year stood at $114,000. This amount is still increasing with the welcome addition of new entrance fees.

Our buildings and equipment have been depreciated at the usual rates and, as maintenance has not been neglected, I think you will agree they stand in the books at a very reasonable figure.

I now propose that Report and Accounts for the year ending September 30, 1939 be adopted.

REPAINTED BALL RACKET

Seconding the proposal, Mr. A. Ritchie said everyone of them must agree that the results for the year had been most satisfactory. No item called for special attention unless it was what one might term the repainted ball racket. He did not know whether anyone had noticed that the profit on that item was no less than some 240 per cent.

Mr. Ritchie said he understood it was the intention to put air conditioning in part of the clubhouse, and he thought that, as time went on, special consideration should be given to have air-conditioning in the whole of the clubhouse.

Referring to Mr. Lissaman, Mr. Ritchie said his position was rather unique in that he was the Captain and champion in the same year, and suggested that Mr. Lissaman be re-elected, when the war was over, in order to give him an opportunity of enjoying a little of the comforts of the new clubhouse in the position of Captain.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

OFFICERS

Mr. R. Young was elected Captain for the ensuing year, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming re-elected as auditors.

Members of the Committee appointed were—Messrs. D. H. Blake, A. D. Humphreys, A. E. Lissaman, A. K. Mackenzie, J. A. D. Morrison, H. H. Mundy, F. A. Redmond, A. Sommerfelt and G. C. Worrall.

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STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING

The following are the starting times arranged by the Royal Hongkong Golf Club for the week-end (including the Club championship final between J. T. Smith and F. D. Hunter):

OLD COURSE

9.16 J. T. Smith, F. D. Hunter.
9.20 R. H. Gregory, W. L. Alexander.
9.24 J. B. Harrison, J. Linaker.
9.28 P. S. Delany, M. D. Cooper.
9.32 D. Humphreys, E. T. McMullen.
9.36 A. L. Potter, E. L. Groome.
9.40 L. M. S. Lloyd, P. Morrison.
9.44 J. M. Pearson, M. Pollock.
9.48 W. W. C. Shewan, T. Megarry.
9.52 T. A. Pearce, G. C. Worrall.
9.56 A. N. & Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
10.00 S. T. Butlin, T. Low.
10.04 Comdr. Hole, A. B. Purves.
10.08 R. Young, A. E. Lissaman.
10.12 D. J. Gilmore, E. D. Lawrence.
10.16 W. Sharp, A. A. Bremner.
10.20 D. H. Clark, L. Jackson.
10.24 S. S. Church, E. R. McKay.
10.28 B. O. Baldwin, P. E. Annis.
10.32 H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.36 H. G. Sheldon, W. Hewitt.
10.40 H. C. Watson, P. C. Jackson.
10.44 F. C. Young, W. Bastin.
10.48 J. G. Campbell, J. W. BacLeod.
10.52 Major Hogg, Major Heane.

NEW COURSE

9.24 Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Smith.
9.32 Capt. Giles, Major Meek.
10.16 Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Bremner.
10.32 Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.

RACING REVIEW

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(By "Capt. Foster")

post first, with Matador and Gog following the trail.

By virtue of his win in the Macau Handicap (second section) at Areia Preta last Sunday, Rose Day has incurred a penalty of 7 lbs. and even without the additional impost he has no chance of a place.

SUB-GRIFFINS' RACE

Win For King Kong

THE Hongkong Sub.-Griffins Autumn Champions will be a tame affair because there is not a candidate, in my opinion, to touch the mighty King Kong (Mr. Chao), to be followed by Musketeer (Mr. Liang) and Strathbannock (Mr. Black).

Celtic Star has to improve a little more before I can cast her my vote for a place. Marksman is not in his own, while Guinness Time (Mr. Encarnacao) is good for a long shot.

TARDY HANDICAP

Hard Task For Punters

THE first leg of the daily double is on the Tardy Handicap for "B" class China ponies over a mile. With the exclusion of ponies that have won two or more races, the field will not be a mediocre one, and punters will find a hard task to spot the winner. Furthermore, the two sections have been merged into one division, and the distribution of the lead has not left a terrible gap.

Humdrum Eve has been highly thought as the best 'un with the limit burden, and he is considered to be only a pound better than Jennifer and Rob Roy. However, a comparison of the weights of those who ran in the Sussex Handicap (six furlongs), and what they are set to carry in this event will undoubtedly prove interesting:

	Sussex H'cap	Tardy H'cap	Difference
Humdrum Eve (2nd)	152	168	plus 16
Jennifer	161	167	plus 6
New Star	150	156	plus 6
Rob Roy	161	167	plus 6

It will be seen that Humdrum Eve has been set to concede 10 lbs. to the above three ponies all of which are not bad milers. Rob Roy has a bad mouth, and they say the stable jockey does not like pullers.

But let us return to the Annual Carnival when Rob Roy with Mr. Encarnacao in the saddle annexed the Happy Valley Spring Handicap (first section), beating King's Warden (an "A" class pony) by one and a half lengths over a trip from the two mile post, once round and in. It should be borne in mind that the last mile of this particular run was covered in 1.55⅗, and, believe me, that was some going.

In the light of such a wonderful performance, I will not hesitate to nominate Rob Roy, with a proviso that the same rider is to be the pilot.

Mr. Eu Tong-sen has another candidate in Potentate, but, as the pony was always running in the second section, I do not for a moment think that Mr. Encarnacao will give preference to this chestnut. New Star should also be considered, but be careful with Lancashire Lass. It has been reported that Mr. Chao will be the jockey on the mare, and I am positive that he cannot tip the scale at 140 lbs. which is to be regretted.

AUSTRALIANS' EVENT

Best Of The Afternoon

THE best event of the afternoon will be seen in the Queensland Autumn Champions for Australian ponies over 1¼ miles and the first prize is $1,000 to the winner. The following are the probable starters and jockeys:

A Grand Time	Mr. D. Black
A Roaring Time	Mr. V. V. Needa
Baffin Bay	Mr. P. P. Botelho
Chiltern	Mr. C. Encarnacao
Courting Eve	Mr. H. C. Pih
Lancashire Chips	Mr. A. J. Hearne
Tornado Star	Mr. S. W. Pan
Triumphant Day	Mr. S. C. Liang

Lucky Lad, the winner of the Spring Champions, is ineligible owing to the fact that he has not won a race during the extra meetings. It is pretty hard on the owner in view of the fact that the pony was not provided with an open race other than the handicap events. Lucky Lad was placed second in three handicap events; the encumbrance of the avoirdupois robbed him the first position in the frame.

However, my fancy is Lancashire Chips, Baffin Bay and Triumphant Day, and I have a good reason to predict that they will cross the wire in the order I have named.

One would expect to see Mr. Black up on Baffin Bay, but it has been whispered that the change is due to the fact that Mr. L. Dunbar's candidate is a slug, and Mr. "Pinky" Botelho has a liking for a lazy snail. The combination, it will be remembered, was second in the Lanark Handicap, losing to A Grand Time by half-a-length, and the defeat was due to the difference of 25 lbs.

LAST CHANCE H'CAP

Further Difficulties

PUNTERS will find that the second leg of the daily double, which is the Last Chance Handicap for "C" class China ponies over a mile, is not an easy item to spot the winner. Boolat Bay, Dawn Star, Galveston Bay, National Pride, Rose Fiana, Tampa Bay and Taxing Master are the likely ones to be in the limelight.

A close study of last Wednesday's morning gallops would drive one to have his shirt on Galveston Bay, who covered the mile in 2.10⅘, the last six furlongs being done in 1.36⅘. The second best was Dawn Star's performance over the same distance in 2.11⅗, the last half-a-mile was better than Galveston Bay's. Although Tampa Bay took a little longer time to canter the mile, the bay pony has a pull of a stone against Rose Fiana, and it is, therefore, a serious question. I would like to consider a few more points before making my final selections, which will appear to-morrow.

FINALE HANDICAP

Piet Hein Should Win

The Finale Handicap for "D" class China ponies, which closes the racing season, has attracted only a handful of entries, and the run is over the mile course. Piet Hein should score his first win of the season for Hollandia, with Night View and Gold Coin in the rear.

India Rallies To Mother Country

Splendid Response In Time Of Need

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—In spite of the efforts of the German Propaganda Department by broadcasting and other means, the Princes and people of India have continued to express in no uncertain terms their detestation of the crimes perpetrated by Nazi Germany against all the laws of God and man, declared the Marquis of Zetland in the House of Lords.

Lord Zetland mentioned the great contributions made by the Princes and the people, and instanced the unsolicited gift of 17,000 rupees by the peasantry of one Punjab district as an example of the feelings of the Indian people.

A number of princes had not been content to limit their financial assistance in lump sums, but were contributing percentages of their income for the period of the war.

Lord Zetland deplored the present internal political situation in India and appealed to the Moslems as the principal minority and the leaders of the Congress Party to call a truce in order that a free and friendly discussion may ensue with a view to reaching an agreement.

Yugo-Slav Ship In Distress

Runs Aground Near Borneo

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Dec. 15 (UP).—Radio Communications of America have intercepted an SOS signal from the steamship Vidovdan which ran aground at Pulo Laut near Borneo at 9.40 p.m. yesterday.

The Vidovdan is a vessel of 5,581 tons registered at the port of Dubrovnik in Yugo-Slavia. She was enroute to Sourabaya from Japan.

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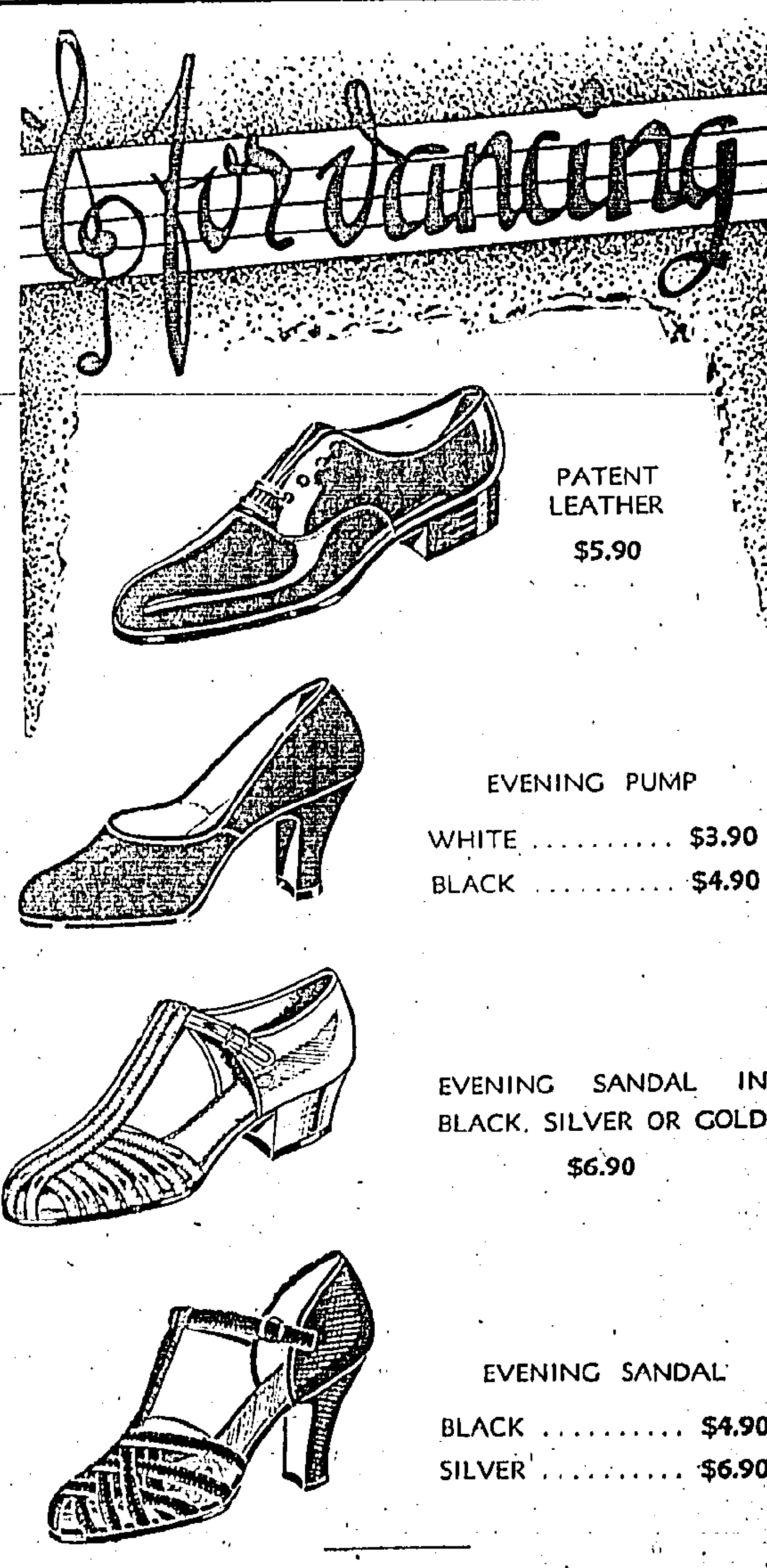

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Vivid Account Of Sinking Of Russian Ship

Tokyo, Dec. 14.

A lurid picture of the disaster which befell the 3,000-ton Soviet steamer Indigirka claiming a toll of several hundred lives, is given in a telephone message from Wakkanai.

The Soviet ship, with over 1,000 passengers, mostly fishermen back from Kamchatka and including 100 women, went aground at a point 800 metres off Kichibetsu at the north-eastern extremity of Hokkaido at 1.20 a.m. on Tuesday and immediately sprang a big hole.

The wireless operator sent S.O.S. messages immediately, but the radio apparatus was soon put out of commission by the water which flooded the vessel.

The skipper of the ship sent 20 members of the crew in two boats towards the shore to call for a rescue, but five out of ten men in one boat were washed overboard by heavy seas, while eight out of ten men in another boat shared similar fate.

Only seven out of 20 men managed to reach the shore, more dead than alive, about 3 a.m. They searched for a house amid the still raging blizzard and found a fisherman's house where they were taken good care of by its family.

Genichiro Kami, the fisherman master of the house, immediately reported to the Police station at Kishibetsu and also rang the alarm bell to call out villagers. The villagers immediately attempted to send rescue boats but their efforts were frustrated by heavy seas.

When morning came, efforts were renewed to send rescue boats but in vain.

The chief of the Wakanai Police who dashed to Kishibetsu, requested the North Japan Steamship Company to send the 1,900-ton Karafuto Maru as a rescue ship to the scene.

The Karafuto Maru reached the scene at 7.30 a.m. on Wednesday. Before it arrived, however, those ashore saw helplessly some of the surviving passengers and crewmen still clinging to the side of the ship washed away by heavy seas.

The captain of the Karafuto Maru said, "I heard that the members of the ship's crew, numbering 30, extricated themselves by making a hole in the side of the ship when she capsized.

"Some 200 passengers failed to extricate themselves and must have been drowned."—*Domei.*

Earlier references to the sinking will be found on the Shipping Page.

WEEKLY TRAFFIC REPORT

During the week ending Saturday, there were in Hongkong 66 traffic accidents as the result of which a man was killed and 27 people were injured. The man killed died from injuries received while alighting from a moving bus.

Of those injured 18 were pedestrians struck by vehicles. A bicycle rider and a tricycle rider were injured as the result of collisions between vehicles.

Three tram passengers and four bus passengers were injured while alighting from moving vehicles.

Of 66 accidents, 23 were collisions between vehicles, 28 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 15 accidents were due to other causes.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"When To-morrow Comes" (Queen's): The Dunne-Boyer team get together romantically in this picture which is a pleasant piece of entertainment. Irene Dunne is a waitress who becomes romantically entangled with Charles Boyer, as an eminent pianist. There is a distressing complication of Boyer having a wife who goes periodically insane.

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"Broadway Musketeers" (Majestic): Pathos, comedy and melodrama are blended into this talkie of three Broadway beauties whose motto, "All for one and one for all," lands them finally on Easy Street. With Margaret Lindsay, Ann Sheridan, Marie Wilson and John Litel.

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FANCY DRESS CHART

showing you how to suit your costume to your type

IF YOU'RE GOING to a fancy dress party within the next fortnight, and you're still minus a costume, spare a thought for your own personality, and don't swamp it with the wrong sort of dress. Decide on your type (the chart below does this for you) and do your best to get the detail right—the sketches will help you here.

Type	Height	Bust	Hips	Waist	Shoulders	Legs	Period
Venus	5ft. 4in.	34in.	35in.	27in.	Rounded	Well made	Early 19th Century
Petite	5ft. 5in.	33in.	34in.	24½in.	Shapely	Slim	Medieval
Boyish	5ft. 6in.	32in.	35in.	24in.	Square	Firm	Hanoverian
Athletic	5ft. 8in.	35in.	38in.	26in.	Square	Firm	Lancastrian
Full figure	5ft. 9in.	36in.	38in.	28in.	Round	Well made	Victorian
Mannequin	5ft. 10in.	34in.	36in.	25in.	Shapely	Slim	Norman

and sketches to guide you in the history of the matter

1 PERIOD : Early 19th century. CHARACTERISTICS: Tall frilled bonnet, frilly collar, long tailored gown of intricate design without belt or girdle. Slippers.

WELL SUITED BECAUSE : Dress has shaped shoulders, long, "dressing-gown" style gives effect of height ; tall bonnet also gives effect of height.

2 PERIOD : Medieval. CHARACTERISTICS : Tall steeple hat with hanging veil. Long trailing gown, shaped to body. Girdle and hanging pocket.

WELL SUITED BECAUSE : Accentuates figures, hangs well on shapely shoulders, steeple hat gives effect of height.

3 PERIOD : Hanoverian. CHARACTERISTICS : Turban-like head-dress, over-gown close fitting from shoulder to waist, low wide-hemmed collar, gown opens from waist downwards to show light underskirt.

WELL SUITED BECAUSE : Bunchy head-dress gives just right effect of height, tight-fitting and off-shoulder top gives slim, interesting effect, wide hips are lost in spread-out skirt, low hem collar gives fulness to bust.

4 PERIOD : Lancastrian. CHARACTERISTICS : Firmly tailored style in sober cloth with velvet facings. Girdled waist-hanging pocket. Bell-shaped skirt. Ruffle. Short steeple hat of soft material after the style of old-fashioned nightcap.

WELL SUITED BECAUSE : Tailored style accentuates body line. Wide hips lost in spread-out skirt. Ruffle collar suits stately neck.

5 PERIOD : Victorian. CHARACTERISTICS : Bonnet with bow and flowers. Large firm collar with bow. Puffed sleeves tightened at wrist. Firm waist-belt and crinoline.

WELL SUITED BECAUSE: Full figure carries large collar and puffed sleeves to advantage. Firm waist-line holds in body. Bonnet does not increase height.

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Crossword Puzzle

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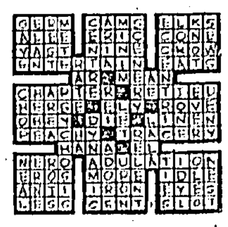
ACROSS

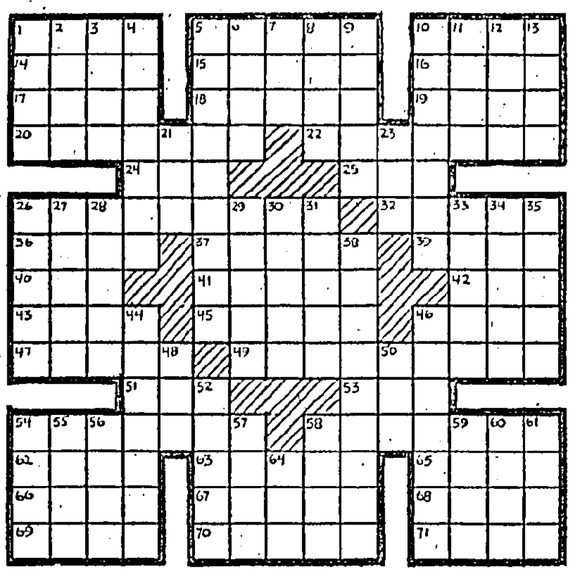
1—Provided with shoes
5—Female horses
10—Rooms abroad idly
14—Ponder with close application
15—Suppress
16—Turkish gold coin
17—Imitates
18—Leaf of calyx
19—First man
20—Hate
22—Command
24—Metal deposit
25—Concealed
26—Inflated
32—Inferior animal
36—Lyric poems
37—Pierces with horns
39—Nathan
40—Hawaiian wreath
41—Run away to get married
43—Hasten
45—Real estate
46—Soak in liquid again
48—Body of water
47—Slumber
49—Dregs
51—Turkish cap
53—Hearing organ
54—Nonconformist
56—Makes known
62—Level
63—Luxurious rich man
65—Appendages
66—Curve
67—Grecian island
68—Apparatus for heating small quantity of liquid
69—Roman Cupid
70—Slender stalk
71—Appear

DOWN

1—World War airplane
2—Expert cheerfully
3—Pertaining to lived-fish coin
4—Hard masters
5—One sent on errand
6—To sheltered side
7—Tear up
8—Type of cheese
9—Directive word in Bible
10—Make happy
11—Famous opera
12—Mild expletive
13—Alike
21—Anger
23—Sharpen point of
26—Girl's plaything
27—Ultimate object of attainment
28—River in France
29—Deals out
30—Appearing as if gnawed
31—Railroad station
33—Man's name
34—Caused to suffer keenly
35—Watches over
38—Ninth month
44—Protects from harm
46—Robbers of sea
48—Coarse
50—Smooth surface of
52—Covers with bluish-white metal
54—Goddess of youth
55—All time
56—Nevada city
57—Kind of fish
58—Very small bit
59—Distance over time
60—Prong
61—Successful play in bridge
64—Stinging insect

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE





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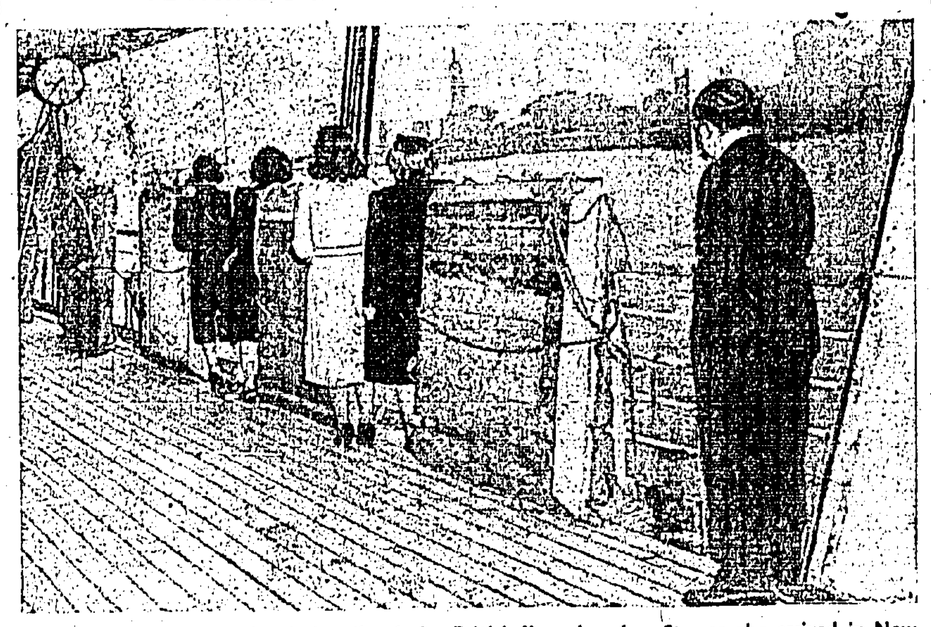

Rafts propped against the deck rails of the British liner Arandora Star as she arrived in New York Harbour. During the Atlantic crossing the liner, steering a zig-zag course, eluded nine U-boats.

Conditions For Orient Peace

Admiral Yarnell's Three Points

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (UP).—Admiral Harry Yarnell, former Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, in a speech last night to 200 Phi Beta Kappa alumni in the Savoy Plaza Hotel said a settlement of the war in the Far East can be achieved only when:—

A stable and independent China is established.

When the Japanese Army and Navy are subordinated to a Japanese civil government, and

When Japan is assured that in times of peace there will be no discrimination against Japanese goods, and that Japan will not be denied access to raw materials.

TRAWLER SUNK BY MINE

Skipper And Seven Men Missing

LONDON, Dec. 14 (British Wireless.—The Secretary of the Admiralty announces the loss of H. M. Trawler, William Hallett sunk by a mine.

There is only one survivor.

The skipper and seven men are reported missing, believed drowned.

Churchill And Convoys

LONDON, Dec. 14 (British Wireless).—Mr. Winston Churchill, in a written House of Commons reply, said: "The protection of our convoy system is available on certain conditions to neutrals, and I believe their losses would be reduced if they accepted this protection more often. The Admiralty have taken and will continue to take all possible steps to encourage neutral shipping engaged in trade with or for, the Allies to participate in British convoys!"

ARK ROYAL STILL ACTIVE

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The South African Press reveals that the aircraft carrier Ark Royal and the battle-cruiser Renown recently visited Cape Town, thus giving the lie to the Zeesen announcements that the Ark Royal has been sunk.

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BRITAIN AND THE BREMEN

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The "Yorkshire Post" points out in an editorial that there is the clearest answer both to the sneers of the enemy and the surprised protests of friends regarding the forbearance of the British submarine which refrained from torpedoing the Bremen.

If the example of Nazi commerce raiders were followed, Britain would have lost something much more important than a valuable naval prize; she would have betrayed the very cause for which we were fighting.

"We shall not defeat Nazism by descending to Nazi method of warfare," says this journal.

Nazis Thunderstruck

The Bremen is too valuable and vulnerable to be used as an armed raider or a supply ship.

In its summary, the "Yorkshire Post" ends by saying that the Germans are so taken aback by the British observation of international law that they are unable to give consistent accounts of the circumstances.

Thus "Trans-ocean" reports that the submarine disappeared without attempting to attack, while a Zeesen broadcast to France asserts: "The truth is that the British submarine did fire a torpedo, but as it was not a German torpedo, it missed the target."

German Admission

BERLIN, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—A German communique admits that a British submarine attacked a German cruiser in the North Sea but conceals the loss of the U-boat.

BRITAIN STILL PROTESTING

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, the Prime Minister said that the British Ambassador in Tokyo on October 10 made strong representations to the Japanese Government regarding the non-payment of interest due to the British shareholders of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway.

He would continue to press the matter when the opportunity offered.

Soviet-Nazi Trade Talks Drag On

BERLIN, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Nazi trade negotiations with Russia are dragging on.

The Soviet economic mission which has been in Germany for the past seven weeks left for Moscow on Wednesday night.

The negotiations are by no means complete, but the official German news agency says that they will be resumed in Moscow in a few days' time.

Profit-Taking On Cotton

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange was quiet to-day, industrials rising on a growing demand.

Kaffirs were better on satisfactory dividends.

Of the commodities, cotton, after opening at the maximum advance, slumped to the permissible decline on heavy general profit-taking.

The decline attracted some replacement in buying, but later there was general liquidation.

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INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 6th Dec. Dec. 15.
Canton ..... Dec. 15.
Japan and Shanghai ..... Dec. 16.
Manila ..... Dec. 16.
Shanghai ..... Dec. 16.
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 9th December. ..... Dec. 17.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon Dec. 17.
Haiphong ..... Dec. 17.
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Haiphong, Hollow and Fort Bayard Dec. 17.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco Date 5th December. ..... Dec. 18.
Japan and Shanghai ..... Dec. 18.
Shanghai ..... Dec. 18.
Straits and Manila ..... Dec. 18.
Shanghai and Amoy ..... Dec. 18.
Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane. Dec. 19.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 13th November). ..... Dec. 19.
Straits ..... Dec. 19.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 13th December. Dec. 20.
Amoy ..... Dec. 20.
Java and Manila ..... Dec. 20.
Straits ..... Dec. 20.
Straits ..... Dec. 20.
Rabaul ..... Dec. 20.
London and Straits ..... Dec. 20.
Australia and Manila ..... Dec. 21.
Australia and Manila ..... Dec. 21.
U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco date, 22nd Nov.) Dec. 21.

OUTWARD MAILS

Saturday, Dec. 16
Canton ..... 7.15 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta.
Parcels ..... Dec. 16, Noon.
Letters, ... Dec. 16, 1 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan. Honolulu, U.S.A., Central & South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco, 6th January 1940.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Parcels ..... Dec. 16, 4 p.m.
Reg. ..... Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. ..... Dec. 16, 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 24th December.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg., ... Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
Reg., ... Dec. 16, 5.30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 17
Amoy ..... 9 a.m
Saigon ..... 8.30 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 18
Shanghai ..... 8.30 a.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 14th January 1940.
G. P. O. and K. P. O.
Reg., ... Dec. 18, 8.45 a.m.
Ord., ... Dec. 18, 9.30 a.m.
Canton ..... 7 p.m.
Fort Bayard ..... 1.30 p.m.
Japan ..... 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 19
Fort Bayard and Hollow .. 1.30 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai ..... 2.30 p.m.
Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U. S. A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 25th December.
K.P.O.
Reg. ..... Dec. 18, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. ..... Dec. 18, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. ..... Dec. 18, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. ..... Dec. 19, 7.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 27th December.
K.P.O.
Reg. ..... Dec. 19, 5 p.m.
Ord. ..... Dec. 19, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. ..... Dec. 19, 5 p.m.
Ord. ..... Dec. 19, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 25th Dec.
K.P.O.
Reg. ..... Dec. 19, 5 p.m.
Ord. ..... Dec. 19, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. ..... Dec. 19, 5 p.m.
Ord. ..... Dec. 19, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 20
Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin ..... 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong (Parcels only) ..... 1 p.m.
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SAIGON CONFERENCE
Japanese Operations In Kwangsi Discussed

Shanghai, Dec. 14.

Japanese reports state that an Anglo-French conference is being held in Saigon Indo-China, concerning the Japanese operations in south-west Kwangtung and Kwangsi, protection of Anglo-French shipping in the Far East and steps to cope with possible German raiders in the Pacific.

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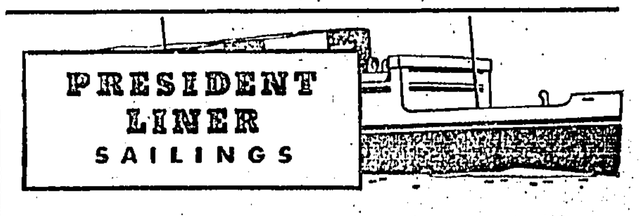

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LATE NEWS

Must Leave Montevideo

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The Admiral Graf Spee will be allowed by Uruguay to remain until Sunday or, at the very latest, Monday.

Practically all the wounded are still aboard the warship.

Some of the 62 Britons who were held prisoner aboard the German raider confirm that gas shells were not used by the British warships in the encounter. None of the Britons have been gassed, although they were not provided with gas masks, as were the crew of the German ship.

It is reckoned that the Admiral Graf Spee was hit sixteen times during the encounters.

Russian Claims

MOSCOW, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—A Red Army communique claims that the Russian forces have reached a point in central Finland 67 miles from the frontier. Advances are also claimed in the Murmansk (Artic) region.

North Sea Battle

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—It is learned that in the air engagement over the Frisian Islands in Heligoland Bight, the British machines were heavily outnumbered, but succeeded in bringing down four Messerschmidt's, against their own losses of three machines.

The machines did not, as was at first believed, belong to the new North Sea security patrol.

YAUMATI AIR RAID TEST

The Air Raid Warning syren will sound at one minute to 9 o'clock on Sunday morning to indicate the commencement of the A.R.P. exercise at Yaumati. It will sound again at 10 a.m. to indicate the termination of the exercise.

The duration of the signal has been limited to one minute. The syren will not be sounded over the regulation period of three minutes.

U.S. AMBASSADOR IN TIENTSIN

TIENTSIN, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Nelson T. Johnson U.S. Ambassador to China, arrived here this morning from Peiping.

It is expected that he will meet the leading members of the local American community to discuss the difficulties caused by the Japanese blockade. Mr. Johnson is scheduled to return to Peiping to-morrow.

Nazi Ships Seized

PARIS, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Paris-Radio declares that the German oil-tankers Werdenfels, Lindenfels and Wagens have been seized at Sabang on behalf of a foreign company, which claims large sums allegedly owing by the German ship-owner.

AMERICA APPALLED

Suffering Of Victims Of Nazi Terror

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Addressing the American Jewish Congress Anti-Nazi rally, Mr. Herbert Hoover, former President of the United States, appealed to the 20,000 present for assistance for Europe's war on behalf of the distressed.

Mr. Hoover said that America was appalled by the suffering inflicted on religious and political minorities in Europe.

"America's Challenge"

The meeting was called as "America's challenge" to the treatment accorded to the Jewish minorities in Germany and Poland.

Mr. William Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, said that the free people of America would never acquiesce in or accept the triumph of Stalinism or Hitlerism.

"We are in favour of resorting to the use of all means at our command, short of war, to prevent these brutal dictators from accomplishing their dastardly purpose," he said.

ATTLEE TO VISIT WESTERN FRONT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Clement R. Attlee, the Leader of the Labour Opposition, is visiting the Western Front early in the new year at the personal invitation of General Viscount Gort, the British Commander-in-Chief.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader, is expected to pay a similar visit a little later.

Will-Power To Win War

London Speech By Lord Halifax

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Speaking in London, Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary, said that the present war would not be won mainly by armaments but by the organised will-power of the nations and the peoples.

The Germans thought that they could achieve that end best by the methods of Dr. Goebbels and "Mein Kampf," which give the highest value to what is called a regular gunfire of lies and calumnies.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Dominions Secretary, spoke at the same function, and said that the British people must devote all their thoughts, efforts and energies to winning the war in the shortest possible time.

A compromise for the sake of an artificial peace with the present Nazis would merely condemn their children to the same suffering and constant dread which had over-shadowed their own childhood.

JAPAN REPORTS ON MANDATES

Document Delayed By War Conditions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Dec. 15 (Domei).—The Japanese Government has sent its customary administrative report on the Mandated Islands in the South Pacific to the League of Nations Mandates Commission which met on Tuesday.

Because of the disrupted mail schedules as the result of the European war, however, the arrival of the report at Geneva must have been delayed, according to the spokesman of the Navy Ministry.

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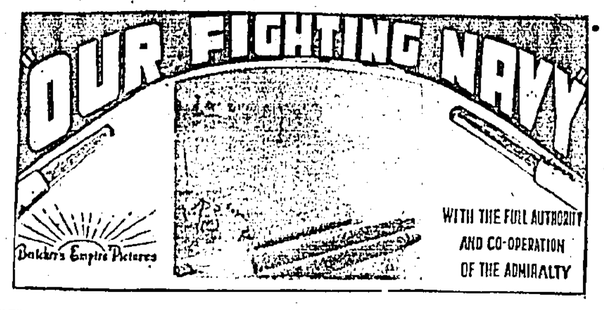

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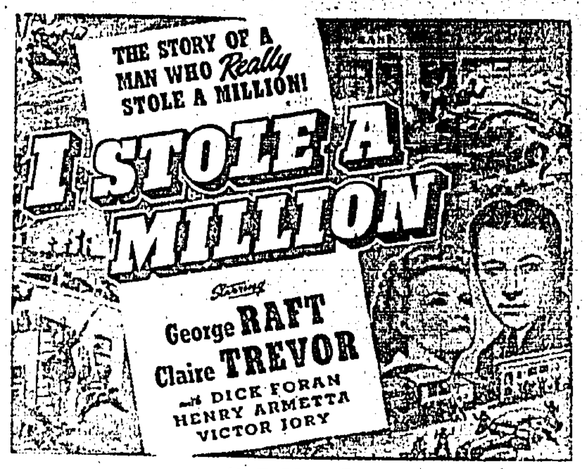

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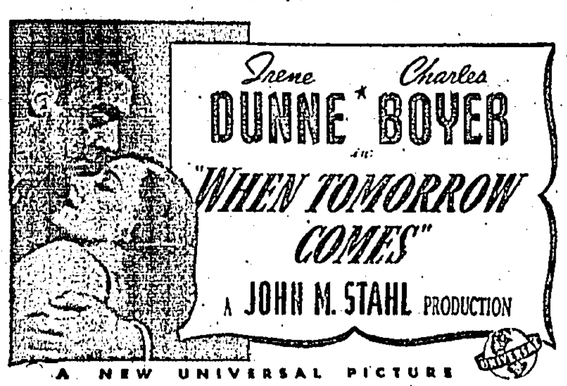

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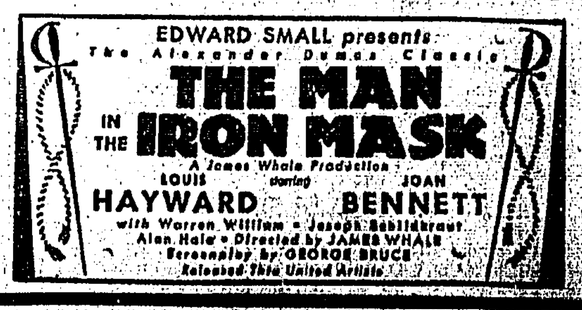

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